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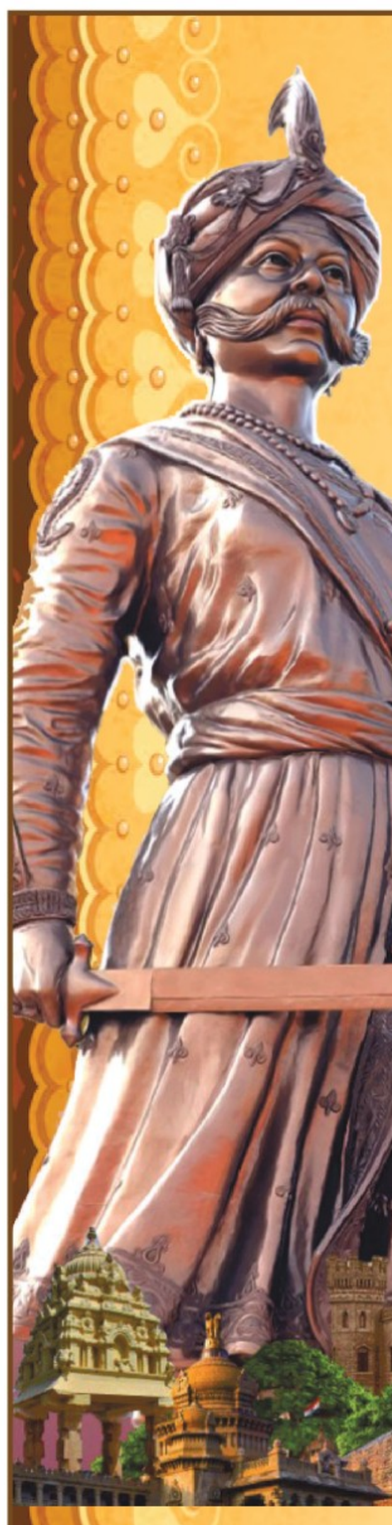

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ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
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27 ಜೂನ್, 2025 ಶುಕ್ರವಾರ

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಘನ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತಿ
ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ.ಕೆ. ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು
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ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕಂದಾಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಮತ್ತು ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಭೈರೇಗೌಡ ರವರು** ಸಮಾರಂಭವೊಂದರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಷಣ.

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ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಕ್ಕೆ

ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಜಯಂತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ
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ಸ್ಥಳ: ಡಾ. ಬಾಬು ಜಗಜೀವನರಾಂ ಭವನ (ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)
ಹೊರವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆ (ಮಾಗಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ), ಸುಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸರ್ಕಲ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ
ಸಂಜೆ 6.00 ಕ್ಕೆ

ಸ್ಥಳ: ಡಾ. ರಾಜಕುಮಾರ್ ಗಾಜಿನಮನೆ
ಜಿಬಿಎ (ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ) ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಆವರಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಗಣ್ಯರುಗಳಿಂದ **ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಪ್ರತಿಮೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಹಾತ್ಯಾಗಿ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀದೇವಿ ಪ್ರತಿಮೆಗೆ ಮಾಲಾರ್ಪಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪುಷ್ಪ ನಮನ**

ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದ ಹತ್ತಿರ | ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಜಿಬಿಎ (ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ) ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಮುಂಭಾಗ, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.45ಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಧಾನಸೌಧ ಮುಂಭಾಗ

ದಿವ್ಯ ಸಾನಿಧ್ಯ

ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು
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ಪೀಠಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಶ್ರೀ ಸುತ್ತೂರು ಮಹಾಸಂಸ್ಥಾನ ಮಠ

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ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಅಶೋಕ
ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು-ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ಛಲವಾದಿ ಟಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ
ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು-ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್

ಡಾ. ಹೆಚ್.ಸಿ. ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಚಿವರು

ಡಾ. ಸಿ.ಎನ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಂಸದರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ.ಸಿ. ಮೋಹನ್
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಂಸದರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ಮುನಿರತ್ನ
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ರಾಜರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ

ಶ್ರೀ ರಿಜ್ವಾನ್ ಹರ್ಷದ್
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ಶಿವಾಜಿನಗರ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ

3 ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳು ಮತ್ತು 4 ಗಡಿ ಗೋಪುರಗಳಿಂದ ಆಗಮಿಸುವ
ಪುರಜ್ಯೋತಿಗೆ ಚಾಲನೆ
ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 7.00 ರಿಂದ

ಹುತ್ತಿದುರ್ಗ, ಕುಣಿಗಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	**ಡಾ. ಜಿ. ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರ** ಮಾನ್ಯ ಗೃಹ ಸಚಿವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಆವತಿ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	**ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ** ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆಹಾರ, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಹಕರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
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ಹಲಸೂರು ಕೆರೆ ಗಡಿ ಗೋಪುರ	**ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಜೆ. ಜಾರ್ಜ್** ಮಾನ್ಯ ಇಂಧನ ಸಚಿವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಲಾಲ್‌ಬಾಗ್ ಗಡಿ ಗೋಪುರ	**ಶ್ರೀ ದಿನೇಶ್ ಗುಂಡೂರಾವ್** ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮೇಖ್ರಿ ವೃತ್ತ ಗಡಿ ಗೋಪುರ	**ಶ್ರೀ ಸುರೇಶ್. ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.** ಮಾನ್ಯ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಗರ ಯೋಜನೆ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕೆಂಪಾಂಬುಧಿ ಕೆರೆ ಗಡಿ ಗೋಪುರ	**ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಜಡ್. ಜಮೀರ್ ಅಹ್ಮದ್ ಖಾನ್** ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಸತಿ, ವಕ್ಫ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಈ ಸಮಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರುಗಳು, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಂಸದರು (ಲೋಕಸಭೆ/ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭೆ), ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರುಗಳು (ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ / ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್), ನಿಗಮ ಮಂಡಳಿಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು / ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಚುನಾಯಿತ ಜನಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು ವಿಶೇಷ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿತರಾಗಿ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿರುವರು.

ಸರ್ವಜನರ ಒಳಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ನಾಡುಕಟ್ಟಿದ ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡರು - ನಾಡ ಪ್ರಭುವಿಗೆ ನಮನ, ಬನ್ನಿ, ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳಿ.

ತಮಗೆ ಆದರದ ಸ್ವಾಗತ

ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮೂಹಿಕ ಹಕ್ಕುಬಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯ ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಿ
ದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಗತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುವುದು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಸಂವಿಧಾನಬದ್ಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

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Congress, BJP leaders meet party brass

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Leaders of both ruling Congress and Opposition BJP were closeted with their respective central leaders in New Delhi on Wednesday to discuss their internal party matters.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, with some of his Cabinet colleagues, was in Delhi to get the Congress high command's clearance for the State Cabinet reshuffle and filling four vacancies in the Legislative Council. However, with Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi abroad, Mr. Siddaramaiah's proposals are yet to be cleared. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok, who met party central leaders, was apparently advised to ensure that their protests against the ruling dispensations be taken up more aggressively.

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GST Council set to discuss having fewer items in 12% slab

On the cards

The GST Council meet will likely be held in July, more than six months after the previous meeting

- Council to look into minimising items in 12% slab
- Most items to be reduced to 5% but some 18% goods could enter 12%
- Removal of tax on intermediate services to be discussed
- Removal could lead to a ₹3,500-crore tax relief for service industry

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The agenda for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council at its next meeting, likely to be held in July, will include deliberations on minimising the 12% tax slab and also finalising the tax treatment on service intermediaries, which could provide the sector relief worth thousands of crores, according to informed sources.

"One of the main agenda items, as part of the overall simplification and rate rationalisation effort, is what to do with the 12% slab," an official aware of the developments told *The Hindu*. "One of the internal recommendations was to minimise the slab or maybe even do away with it entirely."

It is stipulated that the GST Council meet every quarter, or three months, but the last meeting was held in December 2024.

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In historic leap, Indian astronaut heads to ISS

Start of India's human space programme, says Shubhanshu Shukla as Axiom-4 mission is launched from the Kennedy Space Center, U.S., with a four-member crew to spend 14 days in orbiting lab

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

India's human space programme took off on Wednesday as Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission (Ax-4) to the International Space Station (ISS) was launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, U.S., after multiple delays.

"This is not the start of my journey to the ISS but the start of India's human space programme. I want my countrymen to become part of this journey, let us join together and start India's human space programme. *Jai Hind Jai Bharat,*" Group Captain Shukla said in his first message from the mission.

Group Captain Shukla, the pilot of the Ax-4 mission, began a 28-hour journey to the orbiting laboratory in space along with Commander Peggy Whitson (U.S.), Mission Specialist Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski (Poland), and Mission Specialist Tibor Kapu (Hungary).

The SpaceX Dragon crew capsule housing the astronauts is targeting to dock at the ISS at approximately 4.30 p.m. IST on Thursday. After docking, the crew members will spend 14 days aboard the ISS conducting science, outreach, and other commercial activities. The Ax-4 research complement includes nearly 60 scientific activities representing 31 countries.

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Above and beyond

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla becomes the first Indian to reach space in 41 years after the Axiom-4 mission lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Wednesday

From left: Tibor Kapu (Hungary), Mission Specialist; Shubhanshu Shukla (India), Pilot; Peggy Whitson (U.S.), Commander; and Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski (Poland), Mission Specialist

International Space Station: The SpaceX Dragon crew capsule housing the 4 astronauts is targeting to dock at the International Space Station at approximately 4.30 p.m. IST on Thursday after a 28-hour journey

1 Wednesday's mission launch comes after multiple delays from the initial launch planned on May 29

2 The crew members will spend 14 days aboard the ISS conducting science, outreach, and commercial activities

3 The Ax-4 research complement includes nearly 60 studies and activities representing 31 countries

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'Don't allow felling of trees at railway colony'

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Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre on Wednesday has instructed officials to not permit felling of trees at Bangalore Cantonment Railway Colony , where the RLDA has sought permission to cut 368 trees. » Page 2

Study highlights need for steps in healthcare

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A study on the drivers of State-level initiatives in primary healthcare and elementary education in urban areas during the last decade has highlighted the need for Karnataka to widen the range of initiatives in healthcare and elementary education. » Page 6

In full flow

Water being discharged from the Krishnaraja Sagar in Mandya district on Wednesday. The reservoir is nearing its full level following a sharp rise in the inflows owing to heavy rains in its catchment areas. M.A. SRIRAM (RELATED REPORT ON PAGE 4)

State seeks revised proposal for Goa-Tamnar power project

R. Krishna Kumar
MYSURU

In a major U-turn which might have a negative impact on the Western Ghats, the State government appears to have reversed its earlier stand against the Goa-Tamnar power transmission project.

Quid pro quo?

Even as activists grapple with the government's change in stance, there are speculations that this is linked to a broader political negotiation and a possible *quid pro quo* for Goa clearing the Mahadayi project, though this has not been officially confirmed yet.

Just over a year ago, in March 2024, Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre had not only rejected the proposal to divert forestland in favour of power lines, but also directed that the officials who had approved the same be questioned and notices be issued for their stance.

Alternative alignment

But in a communique issued on March 25, 2025, Brijesh Kumar, PCCF (Forest Conservation), wrote to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, that the user agency of the power project may be requested/directed to seek alternative alignment and utilise modern technology to reduce the number of trees required to be felled.

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Devanahalli farmers give ultimatum

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Farmers opposing the acquisition of 1,777 acres in 13 villages of Devanahalli taluk for a proposed aerospace park have served a 24-hour ultimatum to the State government to shelve the acquisition process in full. The declaration was made at the 'Devanahalli Chalo' protest by farmers on Wednesday.

They wrote to the Chief Minister saying that they would intensify their protest from Thursday and get arrested if the acquisition was not stopped.

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ED raids engineering colleges in city in connection with seat blocking scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Officials of the Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday searched 18 premises allegedly linked to the engineering seat blocking scam in private engineering colleges here.

Among the colleges searched were BMS College of Engineering, Akash Institute of Engineering and Technology, and New Horizon College of Engineering.

The premises searched included the offices of the colleges, trustee of BMS and their main associates, office and residence of a few private education consultants, and a few seat blocking agents, according to a statement from the Enforcement Directorate.

One of the institutes under the scanner is New Horizon College of Engineering in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

The Malleswaram police had registered a case and initiated a probe following a complaint by the PU Board, and filed a charge sheet.

The police had arrested 12 persons, including the alleged kingpin of the scam.

The police also named middlemen, who were allegedly blocking seats to sell to their clients for as much as ₹60 lakh, in the charge sheet. The ED is following a trail of money transactions running into crores of rupees.

The ED is also investigating a case which was registered against BMS Educational Trust in Hanumanthanagar police station in March 2025 with regard to alleged lapses during the admission process and collection of tuition fees.

The seat blocking scheme was uncovered back in 2024 when a senior Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) official noticed that 52 government quota engineering seats had been manipulated and blocked to benefit the three colleges which underwent raids, allowing them to allot engineering seats under the management quota. More than 2,000 engineering seats were blocked by the miscreants during the academic year 2024-25 by misusing the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses of candidates applying for government quota engineering seats.

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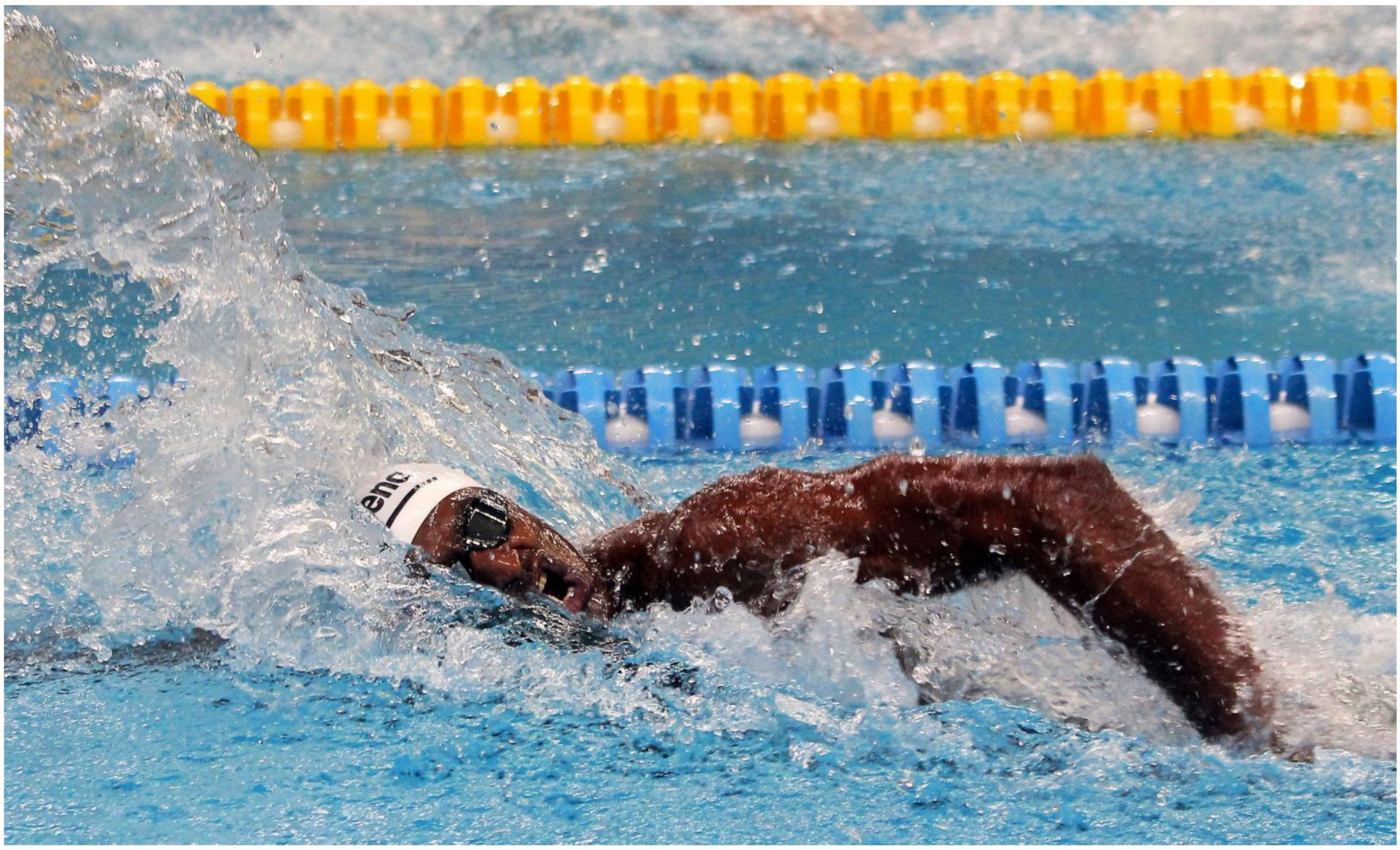
Sports has to be a lifestyle, not just a result-oriented model

The 31-year-old Olympian looks at achieving his best time; appeals for a national centre and corporate support to give swimming a boost



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INTERVIEW

SAJAN PRAKASH

Y.B. Sarangi
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From contemplating quitting the sport to making a comeback to revive his career, 31-year-old Olympian swimmer Sajan Prakash, a multiple South Asian Games and National Games gold medallist, is planning to pace up slowly and steadily in the run-up to the Asian championships in October and the Asian Games next year.

Competing in the 78th National aquatics championships at the Kalinga Stadium Aquatic Centre here, Sajan spoke to *The Hindu* about his struggles, his future and the overall state of swimming in India. Excerpts:

How has your form been of late and what are the championships you are looking at in the next six months?

After the Olympic qualification, I took a six-month break. I was just deciding whether to swim any more. I barely trained for a month and had a lot of travel before the National Games. I made some kind of progress in the National Games without training. I decided just to continue and trained at the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) in Vijayanagar.

I started training in February. I went for the Mare Nostrum Tour (Barcelona) in May. And then I made good progress and prepared for this competition.

I am going to the World Police Games, which is right after the Nationals. And then the World championships in Singapore and the Asian championships in Ahmedabad this year (are there). So that's what I am focusing on.

Are you not thinking about 2026 (which has the Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games)?

2026 is the ultimate target, (a) long-term (one). Three competitions are lined up after this. The Asian championships is the main one in Gujarat. So, I will focus on that. That will be giving me an idea of how close I am to a medal in the Asian Games next year.

What will be the key events for you in the Asian Games?

200m butterfly is the main event (for me). I have been swimming 200m butterfly since 2012. In 2016, I went to the Olympics in 200m butterfly. In 2024, I tried to qualify in the 200m butterfly.

What are your targets and how do you approach it?

I want to get back to my best time - 1:56.38. If I get that time or closer to that, I might win a medal in the Asian championships. And from there, I need to work very specifically on the details where I am lacking. I just don't want to do too many general things any more. So, 1:56 is my target for now at the Asian championships. In the Asian Games, I have to swim 1:55 to get a medal.

Why are you just looking at events in the short-term, like three months, six months, instead of looking forward to a year or two?

I have been swimming for a long time but that's okay. I don't see it as the end of my career. I just want to give my best every time I go there. It's a process, so I will just enjoy the process for now. The Asian Games is the last I kept for. But let's see if I can go till there or beyond that.

What are the challenges when you have been swimming for so long?

One is the injury (especially when) we don't have a long-term athlete development programme here. Right now the Federation (Swimming Federation of India) is building one. We somehow survived.

We swam for the job first and then to make our life better. Ultimately, we made it to the Olympics and then started to progress and proceeded professionally. I don't want to give so many answers to myself because it adds pressure.

I will just enjoy the process for now and see where it takes me. Among the challenges, one is the injury. Another one is the support from anybody (sponsor). We really need to ask for money from different people to fund our training and competitions.

That's a huge challenge. I was training in Dubai and I paid a lot in the last four years. Go Sports was one support, but now IIS is taking care of it. Wherever we want to go for a training camp, we stay there at the centre and train. So that's a big support for now.

For a layman, swimming may look like an inexpensive sport, but actually it is not so. So how do you address the issue?

The development of the sport is not there. For everyone, it's an expensive sport. Buying a swimsuit, having so much daily expenses for the nutrition, for the swimming club or the day to day activities, supplements or whatsoever, it is very expensive.

I survived through it. When I started professionally, I didn't have enough money. My mother supported me. And then slowly when I started performing somewhere or the other, I got funds. All the cash awards which I got from Kerala for the National Games (performances) mainly supported my swimming.

You are a National Games hero...

The National Games money helped a lot for training days. I wish more corporates come into swimming and look at its development. Because it's a huge sport where the potential for medals is so much. Nobody looks at it.

There should be some coaches' development programmes, which we are doing. But if we need to match the world standards, we need to do three times more.

We are going to host the Asian championships for the first time. How do you look at it? And how is it going to help Indian swimmers?

Any competition coming home is an added advantage for us. People, federation or the Government take it a little more seriously. From that period, I think, the seriousness needs to carry on till the major games. We need to have a long-term plan, we need to have a national centre. I believe they are doing it. We need to all train together and work consistently.

We need to address all that and put everyone in one centre and train.

You said you thought of quitting sometime back. Why was it?

One was injury. And I was also unable to support my swimming. It costs me a lot when I want to go train somewhere outside. And funding is a huge problem. After a certain point or age, you don't get so much support from the Government also. We are not included in any scheme in Khelo India or anything. Or Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). So it is a challenge for us. We survive somehow, that's all.

What about the talent in India?

The talent is there, but it is about who nurtures it and how we nurture it. We need more specificity and individualisation on what we are swimming, how we are swimming, monitor the training plans, and see the progress. We need to address their weaknesses individually because everybody has their strengths and weaknesses. So we need to address what is negative and make them positive. Those things come from having a professional on the board. Those things will bring about a change.

What about coaching? Do you think there are enough good coaches?

Our coaches work really hard. But we need to be updated on the current scientific support. It is not rocket science. We can't take challenges from the USA and address them in India. We need to address the problem which is here. That's why I said we need to have a National training centre. We must consistently train at one place so that we can have a track record of what is and what is not happening.

Nutrition has to change here. Because we are a carb-eating nation and we cannot keep doing this. If we need to change something, we need to really change everything. The mindset has to change.

People are not very realistic with sports. Even parents look at it as a business – invest in something. If I train for one month, what am I getting from that?

Sports has to be a lifestyle. Not just a result-oriented model.

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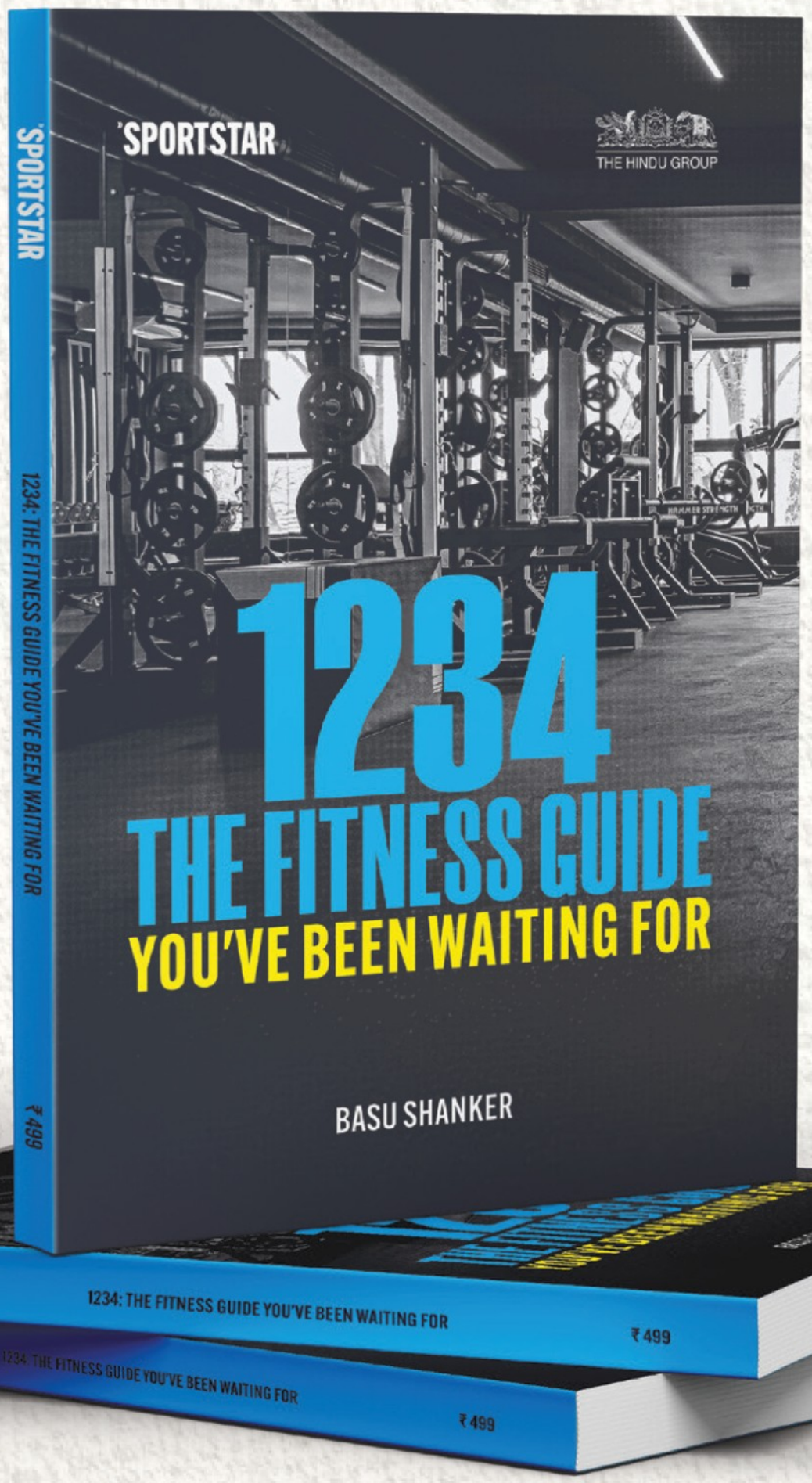

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‘Bike taxis allowed in 2021 for last-mile connectivity issue’

Petitioners argue before the Hight Court that not allowing bike taxis to operate in Karnataka will impact the livelihood of 6 lakh people

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of a commuter using a bike taxi in Bengaluru.

The Karnataka government allowed bike taxis in 2021 by way of ‘e-bike taxi scheme’ as a solution to the bottleneck in the last-mile connectivity issue existing in the city’ public transport system and to generate public employment, it was contended before the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday on behalf of the Bike Taxi Welfare Association.

These arguments were made before a Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice V. Kameswar Rao and Justice C.M. Joshi during the hearing on the appeals filed by the association along with technology transport aggregators Ola, Uber and Rapido and a few owners of two-wheelers.

The appeals were filed against the April 2 verdict of a single judge, who had held that Ola, Uber, and Rapido cannot offer bike taxis on their platform unless the State government notifies relevant guidelines under Section 93 of the MV Act.

Not study-based

Withdrawal of the ‘e-bike taxi scheme’ in 2014 was not on a study-based decision but it was owing to ‘political reasons’ citing law and order situation allegedly arising due to continuous confrontation between the drivers of autorickshaws/maxi-cabs and the riders of bike taxis, and the bike taxi scheme lacking protection to women commuters, contended advocate Shashank Garg appearing for the association.

The Karnataka government should have taken remedial measure if law and order situation had arisen due to confrontation between the drivers instead of depriving the owners/riders of two wheelers from their fundamental right to operate their two-wheelers as taxis by registering them as transport vehicles in terms of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act and the Karnataka MV Rules, Mr. Garg argued.

Stating that bike taxis are not any luxury service, Mr. Garg pointed out that not allowing bike taxis to operate in the State will impact the livelihood of 6 lakh people, who were operating as bike taxi riders, and their families.

On the claim of the State government that it had taken a ‘policy decision’ not to allow bike taxis based on a 2019 report of a committee, which recommended against allowing bike taxis in Bengaluru, Mr. Garg contended that such a claim cannot be accepted as the government itself had allowed bike taxi scheme in 2021 ‘debunking the recommendation of the committee.’

A vacuum

Though the government is claiming that it had taken a ‘policy decision’ not to allow bike taxis, Mr. Garg said that there is in fact a ‘vacuum’ as there is neither any policy nor executive order that has been notified by the State government spelling out reasons for not allowing two wheelers to be used as taxis.

Further hearing on the appeals was adjourned till July 2 as the Bench is yet to hear the arguments on behalf of the companies operating aggregator services.

Minister of Forest, Ecology, and Environment Eshwar Khandre visiting Bangalore Cantonment Railway Colony biodiversity site.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

‘Don’t allow felling of trees at Cantonment railway colony’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre on Wednesday has instructed officials to not permit felling of trees at Bangalore Cantonment Railway Colony at Vasanthnagar, where the Railway Land Development Authority has sought permission to cut 368 trees for a railway commercial development project.

Presiding over a special meeting of the Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Mr. Khandre said that in the railway colony there are 368 large trees of various species which is a biodiversity hotspot.

Locals and environmentalists had submitted a request to declare the area as a biodiversity heritage site.

In response, the Minister has instructed officials to begin the process for the same and has ordered that no tree felling be permitted until then.

Last week, Mr. Khandre visited Bangalore Cantonment Railway Colony and promised the public that a meeting would be called to review the matter.

In April, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) issued a public notice inviting objections to the proposed felling of 368 trees located inside the colony. Environmental activists have also written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urging him to immediately intervene and prevent the felling of 368 trees.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (June 26, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- Should the method of counting caste change? **newsth.live/castecountexp**
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Psychology professor found dead at his apartment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 34-year-old professor of a private college was found dead at his apartment in Soladevanahalli on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Shreyas Tad, a native of West Bengal.

According to the police, the incident came to light when the the domestic help went to work on Sunday and the door was locked from the inside.

Thinking he might have slept, she went back only to come the next day. When even on Monday there was no response, she alerted the apartment owner.

The police shifted the body for post-mortem. The police have taken up a case of unnatural death and are awaiting the post-mortem report to ascertain the cause of death.

Power shutdown

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In view of maintenance work, some areas in the city will experience power outages on Thursday. Areas within the 66/11 kV Global Tech park substation limits, including Devarabisanahalli, Doddakannahalli Road and Gear School Road, will have power cut from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

‘Indo-U.S. ties have evolved from trade to collaborations’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A group of industry leaders, tech gurus, and policy experts who spoke at U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) conclave here on Wednesday emphasised the importance of increased convergence between India and the U.S. across several areas, including AI infrastructure, quantum technologies, biotech. defence, space, AIOT (artificial intelligence of things).

The conclave was held in connection with USIBC’s 50th anniversary.

U.S. Consul General in Chennai Chris Hodges said commerce today remained at the heart of partnership between India and the U.S. ‘‘Top institutes of higher learning, laboratories, research and development centres, IT firms, start-up incubators, and deep pools of human resources talent make it a natural focus for collaboration under the TRUST (Transforming the Relationship Utilising Strategic Technology) initiative on AI, quantum, semiconductors, biotechnology, and space.”

In his opening address, USIBC president Ambassador Atul Keshap (retd) said: “Fifty years ago, USIBC was born out of a belief that the U.S. and India could accomplish more together. Today, we are building the next 50 on that same foundation of trust.”

Speaking on the occasion, Priyank Kharge, Minister of Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, emphasised Karnataka’s readiness to be a central partner in global innovation.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, president and founder, Biocon Ltd., said over the decades, the two nations have evolved from trade and investment to deep collaborations in science, technology, and innovation.

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Auto driver’s assault: Slogan chanting issue added to FIR after activist’s intervention

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It was a Herculean task for autorickshaw driver Waseem and his family to convince the Sampigehalli police to include in the complaint chanting of the *Jai Sri Ram* slogan as the reason for his assault. The police allegedly refused to mention this detail citing that the issue would turn into a communal problem.

It was only after a city-based activist approached the Assistant Commissioner of Police and told them to escalate the issue with the State Human rights commission that the FIR was finally registered by 11.30 p.m.

Waseem, a 35-year-old autorickshaw driver, was allegedly confronted by a group of drunk men and assaulted in Hegde Nagar after he refused to chant *Jai Sri Ram*. Waseem and his friend Zameer Pasha were on their way to meet a friend and had stopped the autorickshaw at a vacant site to relieve themselves, when the group who were drinking nearby approached them. “While Zameer managed to flee, the accused beat up Waseem and forced him to chant *Jai Sri Ram* when he cried out *Allah* in pain,” said the complaint.

The victim was helped by one of the persons in the group, who escaped before approaching the police.

The police allegedly advised Waseem not to create communal issue and disturb the peace of the area. When he showed his injuries, a policeman allegedly said that it would heal in a day or two.

However, Waseem was adamant and with the help of a local friend, approached Zia Nomani, a techie-turned-social activist.

The police agreed to take up the complaint and sent Waseem for medical examination, but the latter insisted that the reason for the assault should be mentioned in the FIR and refused to sign the papers. The matter was brought to the notice of senior police officers, who also decided not to mention the actual reason, the complainant said.

“How can I allow this to be taken off from the complaint? The trauma of getting the complaint registered is more than the assault,” Mr. Waseem told *The Hindu*.

The police finally registered an FIR mentioning the reason and charging the unknown accused under sections of the BNS for further investigation.

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Notice is given on behalf of our client **Mrs. BHARTHI P GANDHI**, Aadhaar No. 3433 5476 3996, PAN No. AAGPG9989E, W/o Mr. Pravin V Gandhi, that the originals and xerox of **Construction Agreement. Document no. / Identification: INKA6996 8964987308M)** and **Agreement of Sale (Document No. / Identification: INKA69971450365203M)** both dated **06/07/2016** entered by and between **M/s. Trinity Ventures** And **Mrs. Bharthi P Gandhi** with respect to Residential Apartment Unit bearing **No. 201 & 202** (Municipal No. 545/4th Block, Koramangala Extension, Bangalore, in Current Ward No. 151- Koramangala (Old BBMP Ward No. 68), **bearing ePID No. 8029148985** situated on the **Second Floor**, of the Residential Apartment Building known as **"TRINITY GREENS"**, having super built area of **3420 Sq. Ft.,** (which is inclusive of a proportionate share in the common areas, balconies, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use etc.,) and with **Two Car Parking Space bearing Nos. 201 & 202** constructed on land parcel bearing No. 545, (8th Main), 4th Block, Koramangala Extension, Bangalore, along with **934 Sq.Ft.**, of undivided share in the said land parcel has been lost/misplaced by our client **Mrs. BHARTHI P GANDHI**, for which the undersigned has registered on behalf of our clients an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide **e-Lost Report No. 1670396/2025 on: 25/06/2025** with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit).

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Place: Bangalore
Date: 26/06/2025

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Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
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Bengaluru Date : 26-06-2025

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT TELEPHONE HOUSE, FOURTH FLOOR, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BANGALORE
O. A. No. 1503/2019

BETWEEN:
Punjab National Bank
(erstwhile Oriental Bank Of Commerce)
Circle SASTRA Bangalore east,
Raheja Towers First Floor,
25-27,M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001
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Sri.V.S.Sundara raman
Aged about 57 years,
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PAN.No.AAACP0165G
RTGS Inward A/c No.15634015002481
APPLICANT

AND
M/s BUDDA CREEK **DEFENDENT**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

To:
M/s Buddha Creek,
Prop Sri Ranjit Narang
Aged about 56 years,
Son of Sri. Ved Prakash Narang
No.2, Doddanekkundi Industrial Area,
Mahadevapura Post, Whitefield Road
Bangalore-550048
PAN.No.AAUPM4494M
Mob:9844036000

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of debts due to Banks and recovery of a sum of **Rs. 56,87,217.72** (Rupees Fifty six lakhs Eighty seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and paise Seventy Two only) together with Current and For other relief's. The above mentioned defendant is therefore hereby directed to appear before the tribunal in person of through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of the defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on day of **09.09.25 at 11.00 A.M.** as to why relief prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this the.....day of 2025

Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
BANGALORE-560001

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU
No:4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building,
Residency Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560025

DRC No. 728/2019 Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))

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Versus
Smt. Narayanamma & Others .. Certificate Debtor(s)

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To

1. Smt. Narayanamma W/o. Chinnappa, Res at : Dabbavaripalli Village, Pulagal Post, Chellur Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
2. Sri Venkataramanappa S/o. Chinnappa, Res at : Dabbavaripalli Village, Pulagal Post, Chellur Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
3.Sri Venkataswamy S/o. Chinnappa, Res at : Dabbavaripalli Village, Pulagal Post, Chellur Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No.1003/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 31.07.2019 an amount of **Rs.14,99,303/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Three Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A. till relaization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

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a)Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b)All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **29.08.2019.**

Sd/- (Deepainduvani S.), Recovery Officer- II
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

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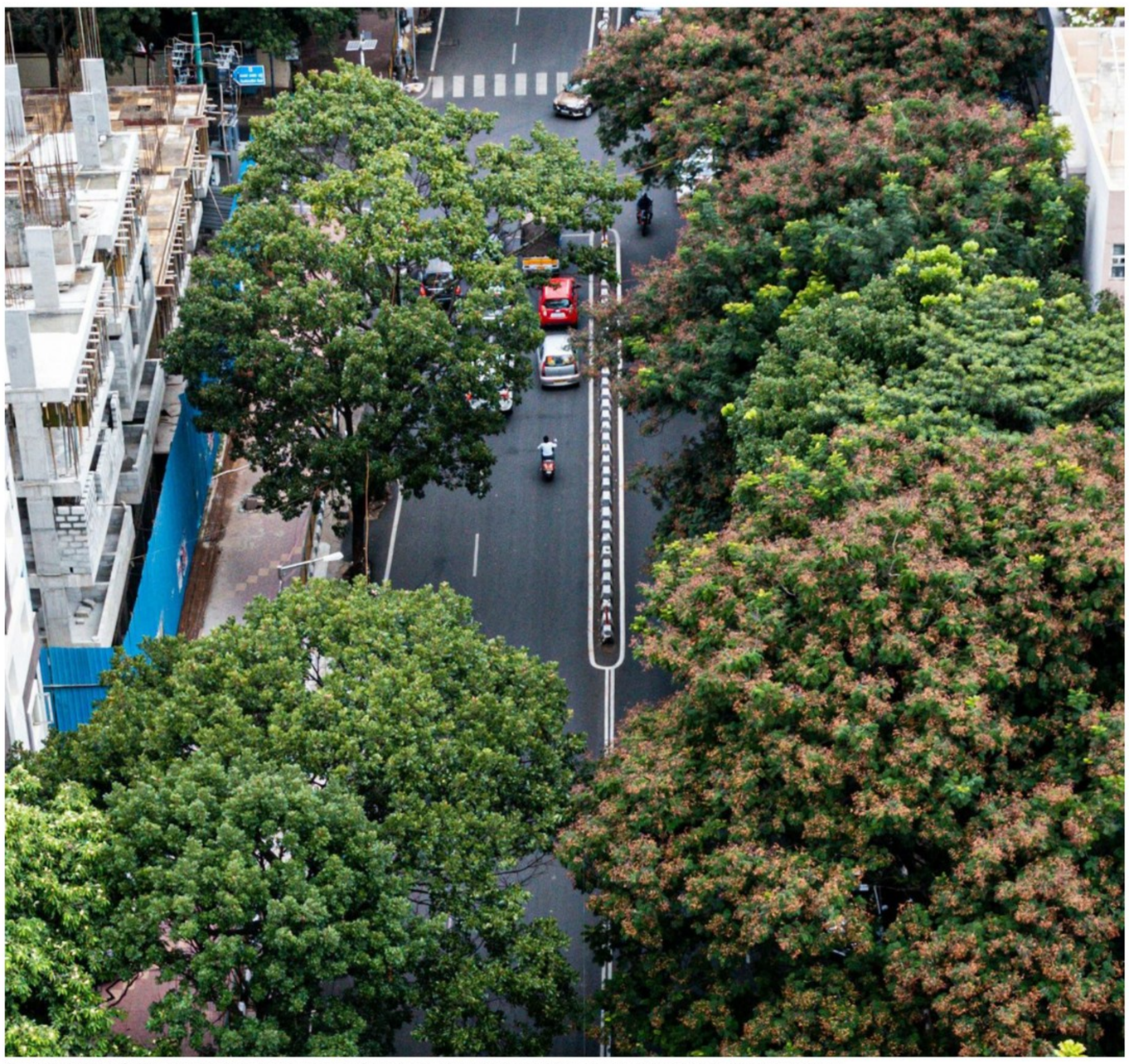
When cities have trees that don't belong, the birds notice

A new study has found that Bengaluru's biodiversity is clustered more in areas with less heat and better tree cover, while heat islands displayed much lower diversity; the type and quality of tree cover also impact diversity, with native species improving the chances that biodiversity would thrive

Sutirtha Lahiri



Currently, 77% of Bengaluru's tree cover consists of exotic species. Representative image. RAGHAVENDRA PRASAD/UNSPLASH

Rapidly increasing heat due to climate change and the concomitant reduction in green cover have together significantly affected the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in tropical countries. These effects are more pronounced in rapidly urbanising cities. India's cities are setting new temperature records with each passing year.

In a study published recently in *Ecological Applications*, researchers Ravi Jambhekar, Dilip Naidu and Jagdish Krishnaswamy from the Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bengaluru, studied the growing impact of heat and declining tree cover on birds. The study focused on the bird diversity of Bengaluru. Nestled near the Western Ghats, the diverse habitats within the city include urban parks, open grasslands, wetlands, lakes, and forests. Together, they host more than 350 avian species.

Using publicly available bird records from the online community eBird, the researchers examined how growing urbanisation and the associated heat stress affected the occurrence and distribution of birds in the city.

They also sourced satellite data to model the distribution of heat in the city and how that might correlate with green cover and bird occurrences.

The team found that biodiversity is clustered more in areas with less heat, while heat islands had lower diversity. (Heat islands are parts of the city much warmer than their surroundings.)

Ins and outs of green cover

Previous research has already found that higher temperatures have multiple consequences for the natural history of birds.

For example, controlled trials have found evidence that birds' reproductive success drops because they lay eggs with thinner shells.

"Warming temperatures can also indirectly affect birds' food resources, sometimes even more directly than they could affect the birds themselves," Anusha Shankar, a physiological ecologist at the Tata institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad, said. "Imagine insects, plant nectar or other small prey that could be immediately susceptible to hot temperatures."

This said, the researchers found that not all species depend positively on green cover. Birds of open habitats like grasslands and savannahs as well as those that depend on human activity fared better when tree cover declined.

This is contrary to the findings of studies in Dehradun, for one, where green cover was found to be a strong predictor of biodiversity. Monica Kaushik, an urban ecologist at Azim Premji University in Bengaluru, conducted long-term bird surveys across different green spaces in the city. The data revealed a positive relationship between bird species richness and the tree species richness. They also showed that larger green spaces hosted a greater diversity of birds.

So does this mean that the only way to protect urban biodiversity and reduce heat stress is to plant trees? The answer is complicated.

When trees aren't the answer

Cities are being increasingly afforested as part of efforts to mitigate the effects of heat and for aesthetic purposes. But many cities in India have historically had alternative habitats, such as open ecosystems and wetlands, in addition to forests and tree cover.

"Bengaluru originally had a mix of open habitats, agriculture, human made irrigation tanks and some gardens apart from the built areas," Krishnaswamy, the senior author of the paper and dean of the School of Environment and Sustainability at IIHS, said. Considering the historical land-use type of a city is an important – but often ignored – aspect when planning restoration of habitat and biodiversity.

Simplistic mitigation moves such as tree plantations, as the study finds, don't always improve biodiversity.

Unscientific tree plantations that aim to simply improve green cover often focus on non-native and invasive species of trees. Trees such as *Jacaranda* or *Tabebuia*, which often line the streets of cities with their beautiful blooms, are not native to the Indian subcontinent, are detrimental to local biodiversity, and affect human health. Currently, 77% of Bengaluru's tree cover is exotic species.

Habitats such as savannahs and wetlands are some of the worst hit in urban biodiversity planning. As cities expand, these non-forested habitats become refuges for species that depend on them. Further fragmentation and loss of such habitats finally lead to the local extirpation of species.

> Urban heat mitigation may require a mix of approaches, from small home gardens and individual trees to larger green spaces and constructed wetlands where grasses and wetland plants can also thrive

"We need native grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees all to be part of ecological restoration and planting strategies in urban spaces," Krishnaswamy said.

The history of a city

"It's high time that we plan the green cover for the entire city based on historical legacies," Kaushik added. "Our first task should be to have biodiversity goals at the city levels, where separate land uses become important pieces to fulfil that goal."

Pune, a city nestled in the Western Ghats, once had forests with patches of savannah that still persist on hilltops around the city and are important for open habitat birds. "In the last couple of centuries, Pune district has been a mosaic of secondary regeneration forest, farmland, urban sprawl, and scrubland. An important question is: what is the most effective way to reclaim land back into photosynthetic capacity," Gurudas Nulkar, director for the Center for Sustainable Development at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, asked. "And then the answer is not just afforestation but also reclaiming wetlands and grasslands."

Ecological and social inequity go hand in hand, especially in megacities like Bengaluru, with the poorest and most marginalised groups suffering the highest effects of increasing heat and decreasing tree cover.

Biodiversity conservation in cities must reconcile with growing societal needs to reduce heat and heat-induced ailments that are increasing today.

"Urban heat mitigation using green spaces may require a mix of approaches from small home gardens and individual trees in strategic locations to larger green spaces and constructed wetlands where grasses and wetland plants can also thrive," Krishnaswamy said. Cities must also strive to improve access to available green spaces, which continue to decline as parks sometimes restrict access.

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Matthias Huss of ETH Zurich and glacier monitoring group GLAMOS at the Rhone Glacier near Goms, Switzerland, on June 10, 2025. AP

Swiss glaciers show holes reminiscent of cheese

Associated Press

Climate change appears to be making some of Switzerland's vaunted glaciers look like Swiss cheese: full of holes.

Matthias Huss of the glacier monitoring group GLAMOS offered a glimpse of the Rhone Glacier, which feeds the eponymous river that flows through Switzerland and France to the Mediterranean, and shared the observation as he trekked up to the icy expanse for a first "maintenance mission" of the summer to monitor its health.

Switzerland's glaciers came into stark and dramatic view of the international community last month when a mudslide from an Alpine mountain submerged the southwestern village of Blatten.

The Alps and Switzerland have seen glaciers retreat for about 170 years, but with ups and downs over time until the 1980s, Huss said. Since then, the decline has been steady, with 2022 and 2023 the worst of all.

"Now, this year also doesn't look good, so we see we have a clear acceleration trend in the melting of glaciers," said Huss, who also is a lecturer at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, ETHZ, said in beaming sunshine and with slushy ice dripping underfoot.

A healthy glacier is considered "dynamic," by generating new ice as snow falls on it at higher elevations while melting at lower altitudes. The losses in mass at lower levels are compensated by gains above.

> **The lack of regeneration is the most likely process behind the holes, seemingly caused by water turbulence at the bottom of the glacier or air flows through gaps that appear inside the ice**

As a warming climate pushes up the melting to higher altitudes, such flows will slow down or even stop altogether and the glacier will essentially become "an ice patch that is just lying there," Huss said.

"This is a situation we are seeing more and more often on our glaciers: that the ice is just not dynamic anymore," he said. "It's just resting there and melting down in place."

This lack of dynamic regeneration is the most likely process behind the emergence and persistence of holes, seemingly caused by water turbulence at the bottom of the glacier or air flows through the gaps that appear inside the blocks of ice, Huss said.

"First the holes appear in the middle, and then they grow and grow, and suddenly the roof of these holes is starting to collapse," he said. "Then these holes get visible from the surface. These holes weren't known so well a few years ago, but now we are seeing them more often."

Such an affected glacier, he said, "is a Swiss cheese that is getting more holes everywhere, and these holes are collapsing – and it's not good for the glacier."

Richard Alley, a geosciences professor and glaciologist at Penn State University, noted that glacier shrinkage has consequences for agriculture, fisheries, drinking water levels, and border tensions.

"Biggest worries with mountain glaciers may be water issues. Now, the shrinking glaciers are supporting summertime (often the dry season) flows that are anomalously higher than normal, but this will be replaced as glaciers disappear with anomalously low flows," he said. For Switzerland, another possible casualty is electricity: the Alpine country gets the vast majority of its power through hydroelectric plants driven from its lakes and rivers, and wide-scale glacier melt could jeopardise that.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

A tour of the solar system

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Which planet in our solar system completes a single rotation so slowly that one of its days is longer than its 225-earth-day year? It also turns clockwise (retrograde) rather than anticlockwise like most other planets, leading some astronomers to call it the earth's "slow-spinning twin"?

QUESTION 2
Which planet discovered in 1781 was the first found to be with a telescope? It displays an axial tilt of about 98 degrees. As a result the sun might appear from its surface to rise and set in a side-to-side path. The planet also has rings so dark they went unnoticed until 1977.

QUESTION 3
Which of Jupiter's moons is larger than Mercury and has surface rivers, lakes, and rain composed of liquid methane and ethane, and possesses a thick nitrogen-rich atmosphere that allows it to sport weather patterns reminiscent of a miniature earth?

QUESTION 4
Name the small solar-system body that's currently classified as both a dwarf planet and the largest object in the main asteroid belt. It experienced internal heating early on that allowed volcano-style eruptions of briny water, leaving salt deposits like the famous faculae of Occator crater.

QUESTION 5
This distant ice giant receives only one-900th of the sunlight that the earth does yet is able to whip its atmosphere into the fastest winds in the solar system, with measured speeds exceeding 2,100 km/hr, i.e. faster than the top speed of a commercial jetliner. Name it.

Answers to June 24 quiz:
1. Predominant biological source of crude oil – **Ans: Plankton**
2. Geological period named to mean "carbon-bearing" – **Ans: Carbiniferous**
3. Source of oil used to treat trench foot – **Ans: Whales**
4. Compound of methane trapped inside ice crystals – **Ans: Methane clathrate**
5. Archipelago whose last coal mine is to close this year – **Ans: Svalbard**

Visual: **Kuwait**

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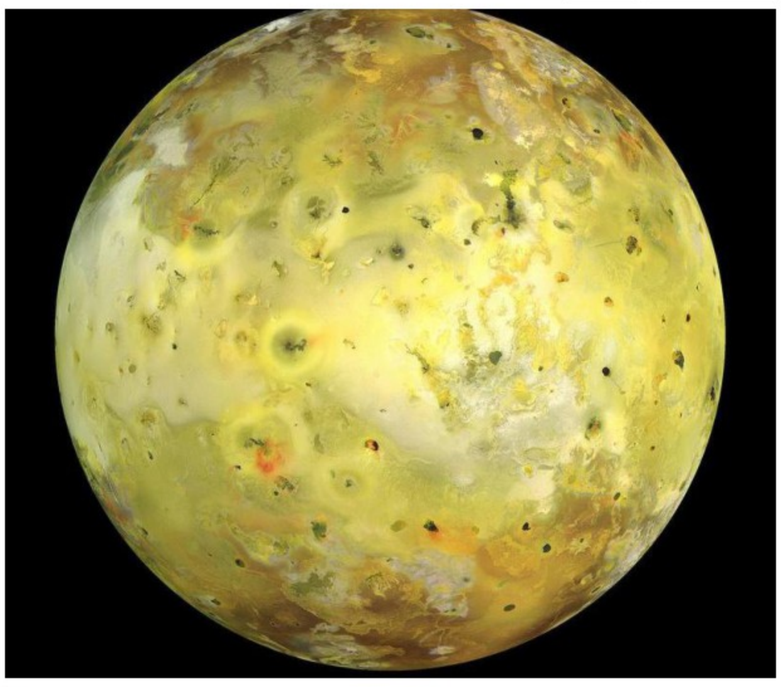

Visual: Name this Solar System moon famed for its iconic surface. It's also the most geologically active body in the system. NASA

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Elderly couple found dead in old age home at J.P. Nagar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An elderly couple were found dead at the old age home at Kembathalli in J.P. Nagar 9th Phase in Thalaghattapura on Tuesday. The deceased have been identified as Krishna Murthy, 81, and his wife K. Radha, 74, who had been staying in the home for the past three years.

According to the police, the old age home staff found the couple to be dead and alerted their son. The staff reported to the police that the couple had an argument while watching television on Monday night.

The police suspect that the argument might have triggered them to take the extreme step. The police suspect that one of them must have died by suicide first, and the other followed. No suicide notes were found at the scene.

Vijay, an IT professional, filed a complaint seeking a detailed probe into the deaths of his parents.

According to the police, Vijay's wife had a row with his parents over a domestic issue, following which the couple had asked him to keep them in a separate house.

The bodies were sent to KIMS Hospital for the post-mortem. Further investigation is on.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahaya Vani ph.: 104 for help.)

Lokayukta books *suo motu* complaint against KSPCB

BANGALORE: Following a series of complaints, the Lokayukta registered a *suo motu* complaint against officials of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) for alleged dereliction of duty, maladministration, corruption, nepotism, and other alleged illegal activities on Wednesday.

The Lokayukta has formed 27 teams, including judicial officers and police officers, and issued search warrants for conducting searches and seizures at the KSPCB offices across the city.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Amount for projects in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon: World Bank

1 In $ billion. The biggest amount went to Iraq, where the World Bank approved $930 million to help improve the country's railway infrastructure, boost domestic trade, create jobs and diversify the economy. The World Bank also approved a $146 million grant for war-torn Syria. PTI

Pakistan's loan agreement with Asian Development Bank

350 In $ million. Pakistan has signed a $350 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to boost women's financial inclusion and economic empowerment. Pakistan's debt has increased to PRs 76,000 billion in the first nine months of the fiscal year. PTI

Ghana's debt restructuring deal with creditor nations

2.8 In $ billion. Ghana's parliament approved a debt restructuring deal late Tuesday with 25 creditor nations, including China and France, aiding disbursements under an IMF bailout programme to alleviate the country's worst economic crisis in decades. REUTERS

Amount disbursed by the government under 12 PLI schemes so far

21,534 In ₹ crore. In 2021, the government announced Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes with an outlay of ₹1.97 lakh crore. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal asked concerned ministries to prepare a roadmap for next five years. PTI

The cost of Phase 2 of the Pune metro project

3,626 In ₹ crore. The Union Cabinet approved Phase 2 of the Pune Metro Rail Project comprising two elevated corridors that span 12.75 km and will be built at a cost of ₹3,626 crore. PTI

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Should the method of counting caste change?

What are the two phases of the Census? Why has caste enumeration been included in the upcoming Census, according to the Union government? What are the reforms the Census should undertake in order to facilitate data that will be helpful for bringing the marginalised to the mainstream?

EXPLAINER

K. Narayanan Unni

The story so far:
The Central Government has announced that the next Census would take place in 2027 and that it would collect information on castes. Can such a massive data exercise be made more useful through a restructuring of the existing Census process?

How is the Census conducted?
The first phase of the Census, called house-listing, would probably be conducted between April to September in 2026. This stage lists all the dwelling units in the country where people live, along with several characteristics of the houses and households.

The second phase called the population enumeration phase would be conducted in 2027, wherein information on several key socio-economic characteristics of the population would be collected. This is also the stage where caste would be recorded.

Why is caste being recorded?
The recording of an individual's caste was last done in the 1941 Census. However, that data could not be processed due to economic constraints of the Second World War. Thus, effectively, the last Census to provide data on caste has been the 1931 Census that has become too outdated to use for any purpose.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is reported to have said that caste enumeration as part of the Census is a step the government is taking to bring the marginalised and those left behind in every field into the mainstream. However, given the limitations of the Census as a method of data collection as well as the design of the Census questionnaire, it is doubtful whether this objective can be fulfilled. A restructuring of the Census questionnaires could make more useful data be made easily available to further the objectives indicated by the Union government.

What are the problems with the questionnaires?
It is presumed that the questions that were included in the draft questionnaires for the 2021 Census may more or less remain the same for the 2027 Census. In the 2021 draft, the question on caste was restricted to those belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) as in the past Censuses.

By making this question applicable to all castes, except Scheduled Tribes (ST), and with consequent changes in instructions and the software used for electronic data collection, data on castes can be collected. The practical difficulties of collecting data on castes is not within the scope of this article. Information on specific castes can be ascertained through literacy/educational levels; age at marriage; mother tongue and other languages known; status of the individual as the main worker, marginal worker or non worker; seeking/available for work; broad classification of industry/occupation of the workers; place of birth/ previous residence; and data on child birth and survival.

While the data on 'mother tongue and other languages known' may not be of much importance in assessing the socio-economic status of various castes, information on participation in economic activity and its broad classification may be of use. However, the data on unemployment derived using the response to the question "whether seeking/available for work" suffers from conceptual issues and lack of attention in data collection. For example, this question has a reference period of one year. However, it is not clearly mentioned as to how long a person should be seeking/or be available for work to be classified as unemployed. Though this question has been asked in every Census starting from 1981, it could never give useful data.

Information on 'child births and survival' collected in the Census suffers from serious quality issues. These questions, included in the Census from 1981, have outlived their utility as similar information is better collected through the National Family Health Surveys. Getting any reliable caste-wise data from these questions is almost impossible.

Information on migration may be an important aspect to assess whether people of certain castes are more prone to migration. However, data from previous Censuses seem to indicate that a large percentage of migrants are not counted or are not recorded as migrants.

Thus, the only information that would be available to classify caste are those of education, age at marriage and participation in economic activity.

While the Census does collect other information that would help in moving towards the objectives stated by the Union government for the inclusion of caste in the Census, it would need some serious restructuring of the Census questionnaires and process.

How should the Census questionnaires be restructured?
The main objective of the house listing phase is to prepare a list of all dwelling units where people are living or are likely to be living at the time of the Census. This framework helps in carving out new enumeration blocks as required and thus helps balance the workload of the enumerators. Several questions relating to quality of housing, amenities available to households and assets owned, have been asked during this phase from the 1991 Census onwards.

However, in the 1981 Census, these questions were in the household schedule canvassed during the second phase of the census, that is the population enumeration phase.

Transferring these questions from the house-list schedule to the household schedule would help linking information on quality of housing, amenities and assets to other aspects of the population easier. As there is a time gap of six to nine months between the house-listing and population enumeration phases, linking the information on the basis of house number, name of the head of the household etc. may bring about error. Such errors may seriously impact the reliability of data, especially for small communities.

Taking the questions out of the house-listing schedule would also help enumerators to concentrate on the listing of all buildings, be it residential, partly residential or non-residential along with the number of people living in them. Improved house-lists would help in better coverage of the Census. This is very important in urban areas which have higher omission rates in most Censuses.

Such linkages or transfer of questions have not been adopted in either the 2011 Census or in the planning of the 2021 Census (which was advanced due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Without such data in the Census, it is not possible to answer questions like, "What is the literacy rate of persons living in kutcha house without electricity and whether this is significantly lower than that of others" or "What proportion of the workforce in urban areas live in kutcha houses?", etc.

The Census should be able to provide answers to the above questions, disaggregated by caste. Then only can the data be used for identifying marginalised communities and the extent of disparities between them. Though collecting accurate data through a Census on many of these variables is not an easy process, and though the quality of data might suffer, it is the best alternative as of now.

Should some questions be omitted?
There is a need to make the Census leaner by dropping unnecessary questions. Several questions on amenities available to the household or assets owned by them may have become redundant. For example, ownership of mobile phones or that of computers may not be as important now as it was five years ago. Similarly, questions on access of households to bank accounts might be omitted. A shorter questionnaire would help the enumerator concentrate on getting more accurate responses to the questions.

The Census has been providing caste/tribe wise data on several socio-economic variables. It is doubtful whether this data have been used to identify the most backward castes/tribes for similar exercises that could aid policy/program formulation. Hopefully, caste-wise data thrown up by the upcoming Census would be used better in policy and program formulations, and be used beyond decisions regarding the percentages for reservation.

The author is a retired officer from the Indian Statistical Service and a former Deputy Registrar General.

Numbering citizens: A teacher collects details from a woman as part of the State caste census at Kandi in Sangareddy district, Telangana in 2024. FILE PHOTO

THE GIST

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is reported to have said that caste enumeration as part of the Census is a step the government is taking to bring the marginalised and those left behind in every field into the mainstream.
- Information on migration may be an important aspect to assess whether people of certain castes are more prone to migration. However, data from previous Censuses seem to indicate that a large percentage of migrants are not counted or are not recorded as migrants.
- There is a need to make the Census leaner by dropping unnecessary questions.

Flood warning issued as KRS nears full capacity

Authorities prepare to release surplus water at the rate of 30,000 cusecs to 50,000 cusecs; alert sounded for areas downstream of Kabini reservoir as well

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the inflow into the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) in Mandya district continuing to rise, authorities have issued a flood warning for residents living along the banks of the Cauvery river and in low-lying areas.

Heavy rain in the dam's catchment areas has led to an increase in inflow, prompting dam authorities to prepare for the release of surplus water at the rate of 30,000 cusecs to 50,000 cusecs.

Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), KRS Division, stated that the outflow from the dam could increase at any time, depending on the inflows.

Authorities have also sounded a flood alert for areas downstream of the Kabini reservoir as rain continues to batter the catchment regions. Meanwhile, a holiday has been declared on Thursday for schools in some parts of Kodagu, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, and Shivamogga due to the heavy rains.

NDRF team and officials from district administration inspecting the landslip-prone areas in Kodagu on Wednesday.

Two persons arrested for peddling marijuana gummies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Byatarayanapura police have arrested two persons for allegedly peddling marijuana-laced gummies here. The police caught Mohammed Zahid and Ismail Adnan while delivering the drugs. They recovered 1,440 grams of gummy packs worth ₹3 lakh and ₹50,000 cash from them. According to the police, Zahid is a BE graduate and works in a private firm while Adnan is a BBA graduate who works in a private firm.

Academia, industry hail Group Capt. Shukla's Axiom-4 mission to ISS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The academia and industry have hailed the launch of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom 4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) said hearty congratulations to Group Captain Shukla on becoming the first Indian astronaut to head to the ISS.

Group Captain Shukla was an MTech student at IISc and two of the seven microgravity research experiments which he would be conducting during his 14-day stay at the ISS had been proposed by the institute.

The two experiments are survival, revival, reproduction, and transcriptome of the eutardigrade Paramacrobiotus sp. BLR strain in space and analysing human interaction with electronic displays in microgravity by IISc.

A live screening of the launch of Axiom-4 mission at the IISc in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Indian Space Association (ISpA) also praised Wednesday's launch. "We are proud and happy to see Group Captain Shukla become the second Indian to travel to space, this time as part of the Axiom-4 mission. This journey is a testament to the growing global footprint of India in space exploration and is a stepping stone to what we want to achieve with Gaganyaan, our own indigenous human spaceflight programme. The success of missions like Axiom-4 inspires our ecosystem and strengthens our resolve to make India a leading force in the new era of space exploration," said Lt. Gen. A.K. Bhatt (retd), Director-General, ISpA.

Group Captain Shukla is an alumnus of NDA and was commissioned on June 17, 2006 in the fighter stream of IAF. He is a fighter combat leader and a test pilot with approximately 2,000 hours of flying experience.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521
No: CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/2747 & 2748 Dated: 24.06.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on **Total Turnkey basis** against following Bid Enquiry Nos.:

(1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/TK-06. Providing new 66kV intermediate towers DC+3 (2Nos.) for increasing vertical clearance between **T.Nos : 01-08** in the existing **66KV Shidlaghatta - Melur SC line** by using 66kV Narrow based towers with Coyote ACSR conductor in Shidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District including supply of all matching materials/equipments and erection (including civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning".

(2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/TK-05. Providing new 66kV intermediate towers DC+3 (2Nos.) for increasing vertical clearance between **T.Nos : 06-11** in existing **66KV Chintamani - Tadigol & G.Kodihalli DC line** at Booramakalahalli Village limits by using 66kV Narrow based towers with Coyote ACSR conductor in Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District including supply of all matching materials/equipments and erection (including civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning".

The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging into Karnataka Public Procurement (KPP) Portal website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.06.2025.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy.,
Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-09

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
Directorate of Horticulture,
Lalbagh, Bengaluru - 560 004.

No: DH/AD/FRUITS/AHO-1/E-1478318:2024-25 Date: 25.06.2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTIFICATION

(through KPP portal)

Short term Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited for handing over of infrastructures like polyhouse, shadenet house, Hi-tech nursery and open cultivable land for commercial cultivation on **as is and where is basis** for a period of 3-5 years on lease/rent basis in the premises of Centre of Excellence of Maddur, Hassan and Shivamogga. The interested eligible firm/ companies/ Institution/ Individuals can participate by downloading the short term EOI documents through KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **(Reference No. : KSHD/2025-26/SE0413, Dated:25.06.2025)** and **https://horticulturedir.karnataka.gov.in** For further details Contact: 9483004099.

Sd/-
Additional Director of Horticulture (Fruits)

DIPR/CP/1475/MAA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
DIRECTORATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE
Chepauk, Chennai- 600 005

e-Tender Notice No.02/2025-26 Dated:25.06.2025

e-TENDER NOTICE - INVITING TENDER UNDER FIXED RATE CONTRACT FROM MANUFACTURERS OF BICYCLES FOR SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS WITHIN INDIA

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Online e-Tenders are invited under fixed rate contract for the supply of School Girl's and Boy's Bi-cycles under Two Cover System from the reputed Bi-cycle Manufacturing Firms within the Union of India. The firms should conform to IS Specifications (IS No. 10613: 2023 or latest) as specified in the Tender Document and have valid ISO certification and capacity to deliver the Bi-cycles as per the requirements.

DETAILS OF e-TENDER NOTICE NO. 02/2025-26

Tender inviting Officer/ Authority Designation Address	**The Commissioner,** Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Ezhilagam Annexe Building, 2nd floor, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005, Tamil Nadu.
Description of item	Procurement of approximately **2,36,872** numbers of School Boys Bi-cycles and **2,99,873** numbers of School Girls Bi-cycles. Total **5,36,745** number of Bi-cycles to be supplied for the year 2025-26
Period of supply	90 days from the date of receipt of Purchase Order.
Earnest Money Deposit.	**Rs.1,40,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Forty Lakh only)** payment should be made only through online.
Tender documents available for obtaining e- Tender	For free download of Tender document and for further details please visit the Government portal https://tntenders.gov.in & e-Tender should be submitted only through Online mode.
Period of submission of e-Tender	From **27.06.2025 to 26.07.2025 at 4.00 P.M** through online mode at https://tntenders.gov.in
Date, Time and place of Pre-bid meeting	On **03.07.2025 at 11.30 A.M**, in the Conference Hall of Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Ezhilagam Annexe Building, 2nd floor, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005, Tamil Nadu.
Submission of **two Sample Bicycles** (one Girl and one Boy), Date, Time and Place	**On 26.07.2025 at 11.30 A.M** **THE COMMISSIONER,** Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Ezhilagam Annexe Building, 2nd floor, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005, Tamil Nadu.
Date, time and place of Opening of Technical Bid of the e-Tender	**On 28.07.2025 at 11.30 A.M** through online mode at https://tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/3258/Tender/2025

COMMISSIONER,
DIRECTORATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I KARNATAKA
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. as amended

RC/49/2025

21-04-2025

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SANJEEVKUMAR TORLEKAR

In the Matter of:
(CH-1)
STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMEC HOSUR BRANCH,
AT: SRI VAARI BUILDING, PLOT NO.2, SIPCOT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PHASE-I, ZUZUVADI, HOSUR TAMILNADU-635126.
... APPLICANT BANK/CERTIFICATE HOLDER
-Versus-

To,
(CD-1)
SRI. SANJEEVKUMAR TORLEKAR, S/O. SRI.S.Y. TORLEKAR
RESIDING AT: NO.4/5, No.A-1, 8th MAIN ROAD, APOORVA LAYOUT. KENGERI UPANAGARA, BENGALURU. KARNATAKA.560 060.
... DEFENDANTS/CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

CH Name	Int Type/ Mode	Int Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	RC Amount
STATE BANK OF INDIA	Compound Interest (Monthly)	7.40% p.a.	16.12.2021	05.01.2024	4838136

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 1)** in **OA/1181/2021** an amount of **Rs.48,38,136/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousands One Hundred Thirty Six Only)** along with cost, expenses and future interest **@ 7.40 % p.a.** Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **16/12/2021** till realization and costs of **Rs.85,710/- (Rupees Eighty Five Thousands Seven Hundred Ten Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

CD Name	Int Type/ Mode	Int. Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Liability Type	RC Amount
CD-1 Sri. Sanjeevkumar Torlekar	Compound Interest (Monthly)	7.40% p.a.	16/12/2021	05/01/2024	Fully	4838136

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **05/06/2025** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **21/04/2025**
(SANJIV KUMAR)
RECOVERY OFFICER - I

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and notify the General Public that, my client **Mr. D. Lakkanna** S/o. Late. Durgappa, residing at; No. 25, "Kanaka 1"- Avenue 5th Main, 'Shubh Enclave' Haralur Road Off Sarjapura Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 102, had lost/misplaced the bag, which was containing original of following documents:

No.	Document Type	Document Description	Lost Report No.
1	Gift Deed	Registered as Document No. 661/1972 -73, Book-I, in the office of Sub -Registrar, Bangalore South with respect to Sy No. 102/1	1658294/2025
2	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 8417/95 -96 of Book-I in the office of Sub -Registrar, Bangalore South, with respect to Sy.No.102/1	1658310/2025
3	Notarized General Power of Attorney	Executed by Sri. Sri. P.C Karumbaiah in favour of Smt. Rohini Karumbaiah with respect to Sy no 102/1 .	1658322/2025
4	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 8425/2008 -09 of Book-I in the office of Sub -Registrar, Bangalore South, with respect to Sy.No.102/1 .	1658332/2025
5	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 3564/2008 -09 of Book-I in the office of Sub -Registrar, Bangalore South, with respect to Sy.No.102/1 .	1658345/2025
6	Conversion Sketch	With respect to Sy.No.102/1 .	1658358/2025
7	Conversion Order	Bearing No. 399331 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, with respect to Sy.No.102/1	1658372/2025
8	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 5918/1967 -68, in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk with respect to property bearing Sy No. 102/2	1658449/2025
9	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 6337/2000 -01, in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk with respect to property bearing Sy No. 102/2	1658455/2025
10	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 3564/2008 -09, stored in Book -I, CD No. VRTD37, in the office of sub registrar, Varthur with respect to property bearing Sy No. 102/2 .	1658464/2025
11	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 1502/2016 -17, stored in Book -I, CD No. VRTD317, in the office of sub registrar, Shivajinagar (Varthur) with respect to property bearing Sy No. 102/2	1658481/2025
12	11-E Sketch	Sy No. 102/2B	1658492/2025
13	Conversion Order	Official Memorandum bearing No. 399332 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, with respect to Sy.No.102/1	1658508/2025
14	Conversion Sketch	With respect to Sy.No.102/2 (New No. 102/6)	1658498/2025
15	Conversion Order	Official Memorandum bearing No. 399313 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, with respect to Sy.No.102/6	1658547/2025
16	Inam Abolition Grant Certificate and Endorsement	Issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Vide No. AI -MI-561:77-78. with respect to Sy No.103	1658603/2025
17	Order	Issued by The Tahsildar, Bangalore South Taluk Vide No. RRT (1) CR.753:97 -98.	1658648/2025
18	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 12839/2002 -03, stored in Book -I, C.D No. 94 in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk with respect to property bearing Sy No. 103	1658658/2025
19	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 3563/2008 -09, in the office of sub registrar, Varthur with respect to property bearing Sy No. 103	1658666/2025
20	Family Tree	Sri. Seetharamaiah approved by The Village Accountant.	1658672/2025
21	Sale Deed	Registered as Document No. 2633/2016 -17, in the office of sub registrar, Shivajinagar (Varthur) with respect to property bearing Sy No. 103/2	1658680/2025

in respect of the property bearing Sy.No's Sy.No.102/1 measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas, Sy.No.102/2 measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas, Sy No. 102/6 measuring 1 Acre, Sy.No.103/1 measuring 2 Acres 3 Guntas, Sy.No.103/2 measuring 2 Acres, in totally measuring 9 Acres 33.08 Guntas, situated at Sulikunte Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District. Hence, he has lodged a Lost Report dated:18.06.2025 vide above Lost Report No's with HSR Police Station, Bengaluru City and obtained computer generated acknowledgments being issued in favour of **Mr. D Lakkanna**. The finder/s is/are hereby requested to return the aforesaid original documents if found to the undersigned forthwith and of any person found dealing with the aforesaid original document would be delt in accordance with Law.

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON 30.07.2025

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 30.07.2025** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **29.07.2025 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s/ and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Penal Charges and Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr.Ravikumar K S**/o Late.S Kempalingaiah, **(2) Mrs.Nagaveni T S,** W/o Mr.Ravikumar K, **both are residing at :** 5th Ward, Vidyanagar, PID No.24-517-40/1, Turuvekere, Tumakuru District-572227. **Loan A/c No.: PSTL A/c No.7597001600044801**	**Rs.25,94,255.00 [Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Five Only] + Future Interest from 27.05.2025 + Penal Charges and Costs]**	**21.03.2025 & Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the site bearing **No.24,PID No.24-517-40/1,MA No.1793/133/5** Measuring **129.73 Sq.Mtrs** (1396.50 Sq.ft) together with building constructed thereon, situated at 1st Division, Vidyanagara, Turuvekere, Tumakuru Distrct, belonging to **Ravikumar K . Bounded by: East by:** Road, **West by :** Site No.23, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property of Karemavuraiah Parasaiah.	**Rs. 75,75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 7,57,500/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)**	**02.20 PM to 02.35 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Turuvekere Branch A/c No: 7593500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000759**
2	**(1) Mr.Sushith S R** S/o Mr.T Raghavendra **(2) Mrs.Smitha P,** W/o Mr.Sushith S R, **Both are residing at :** 5th Cross,5th Ward Vidyanagara, Turuvekere-572227 **Loan A/c No.: PSOD A/c No.7597000600023401**	**Rs.18,17,127.02 [Rupees Eighteen Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven and Paisa Two Only] + Future Interest from 01.06.2025 + Penal Charges and Costs]**	**21.03.2025 & Constructive**	All that part and parcel of residential property measuring **1455.00 Sq.ft,** bearing house **M.A No.3669/A, Ward No.05,** Vidyanagara, Turuvekere, belonging to Sushith S R. **Bounded by: East by :** Property of Prema H S **West by :** Remaining Property of Nagaraju, **North by :** Property of Moodlagiriyappa, **South by :** 30 ft.Road.	**Rs. 76,25,500/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred only)**	**Rs.7,62,550/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only)**	**02.00 PM to 02.15 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Turuvekere Branch A/c No: 7593500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000759**
3	**(1) Mr.Srinivas** S/o Mr. Puttamaraiah **(2) Mr.Rekha V** W/o Mr.Srinivas **(3) Mr.Kiran Kumar S** S/o Mr.Srinivas, **All are residing at :** No.166,M.G Road,Near K N S Circle, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117 **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No. 4407001600017201**	**Rs.1,49,54,387.74 [Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Seventy Four Only] & Future Interest from 15.06.2025 plus penal Charges and costs.**	**24.02.2025 & Constructive**	**(1) Khata No.665/B/870B/ 666/D/871/864/D, Property No.12-2-105B, measuring 820 Sq.ft. (2) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-02-103,measuring 494.82 Sq.ft (3) Khata No.665A/870/A/ 666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-2-103A,measuring 667 Sq.ft (4) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A2, Property No.12-2-103A2,measuring 194.54 Sq.ft (5)Khata No.666C/871/864C, Property No.12-2-105D,measuring 693.75 Sq.ft (6) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105D1,measuring 269 Sq.ft (7) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105A,measuring 856 Sq.ft (8) Khata No.665/870/666A/864/A1, Property No.12-2-103A1,measuring 319.64 Sq.ft (9) Khata No.666B/871/864/B, Property No.12-2-105C, measuring 924 Sq.ft,** Now all the sites are amalgamated into single site, bearing the No.12-2-103,SAS No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, measuring 668.03853110 Sq.mtr situated at MG Road East Side (NH209) Near KNS Circle, Ward No.24, Kanakapura belonging to **Mr.Srinivasa. Boundaries of property as per Documents: East by :** D. Kantha & C K Shivanna's Road, **West by :** M G Road and Property of Gopalakrishna and others, **North by :** Property of Divakar, **South by :** Property of R. Krishnamurthy and Others.	**Rs. 4,06,73,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Six Lakh Seventy Three Thousand only)**	**Rs. 40,67,300/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Only)**	**1.40 PM to 1.55 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Kanakapura Branch A/c No: 4403500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000440**

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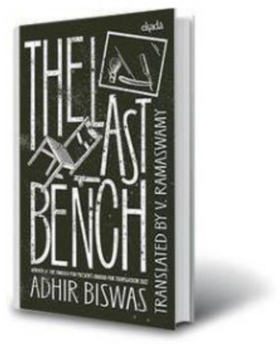
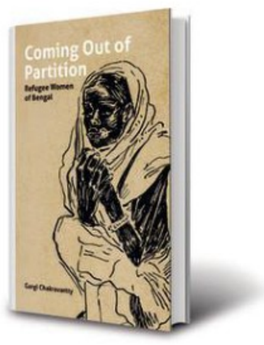
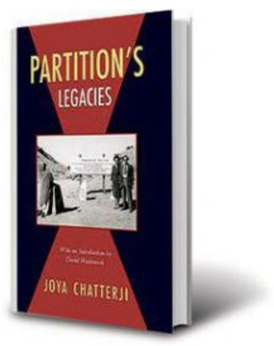






Displaced lives: East Pakistan refugees from Danva Karanya at Raipur railway station waiting to to go to West Bengal in April 1978. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Voices from the margins: Dalit, women refugee accounts of the Bengal Partition

Though the writings on Partition are rightly about loss, writers are also looking at other areas. While a Dalit writer has written his experience of untouchability, another new book underscores that women refugees of Bengal played an important role in shaping the women's movement

Sudipta Datta

At the launch of *The Last Bench* (Ekada/Westland Books) in Kolkata last week, Adhir Biswas said his experience of untouchability as a child was painful, but also a treasure. With no one willing to play with him, and the village too boycotting his family of barbers, he had all the time to forage in the forests and discover a world of other beings, like mongooses and mynahs and a dog called Bhombol, invisible to most like he was.

However, that is small compensation for the acute caste oppression forced on him, first in an East Bengal (then East Pakistan) village (Magura), and then when his family moved to West Bengal in 1967. Bengal prides itself on being largely caste agnostic, but Biswas's Dalit and refugee memoir flies in the face of it.

Biswas did something about the societal slight – he got himself an education against all odds, began writing in magazines from the 1970s, and then launched a publishing house, Gangchil, in 2005 so that stories like his own could be told. "It's enshrined in my memory – how it feels when you have no place in society – and I wanted to write about it," he said. His heart-rending account – written as three separate slim books in Bengali – has been translated by V. Ramaswamy into English, giving it a wider readership.

His life of hardship will be unimaginable to many, and the session to launch the book at Max Mueller Bhavan was aptly titled, 'Growing up Invisible in an Unjust World.'

Just how invisible he felt is described in his classroom travails, when he was asked to sit at the back, far away from everyone; when he wrote every word being taught on his cracked slate, but never had the privilege of being asked a question; when the teacher on day one decided he should be called a 'Paramanik' (because he hailed from a family of barbers) and not Biswas, which was their surname.

Caste violence and poverty

Read together with Manoranjan Byapari's *Interrogating My Chandal Life* (Sage), Biswas's voice from the margins is an important addition to studies and understanding of Dalit and refugee life. Byapari has written about his migration to West Bengal, caste violence and poverty, and his itinerant life in his fiction as well, particularly in the 'Chandal Jibon' trilogy, comprising *The Runaway Boy*, *The Nemesis* and *The Interloper* (Westland Books), all translated by Ramaswamy.

Scholars are now paying closer attention to the migration that happened from East Bengal/East Pakistan into West Bengal and looking at the afterlife of Partition. In the Foreword to Gargi Chakravartty's new book, *Coming Out of Partition: Refugee Women of Bengal* (Tulika Books), Tanika Sarkar writes that partition in Bengal was a very long-term process, violence was sporadic, and migration happened in a long, persistent trickle rather than in a single torrential movement. "It is, in fact, difficult to put a definite closure on the process, which, Joya Chatterji argues [in her books on Bengal Partition] began and did not end with 1947."

Research has shown, notes Joya Chatterji in her book *Partition's Legacies* (Permanent Black), that in a myriad ways refugees drove change. "In West Bengal, where landed elites resisted reforms, refugees threw themselves behind communist agitations, propelling the communists to power in 1969. They seized and then squatted on vacant land, demanded full rehabilitation as a matter of right, pushing and stretching the vocabulary of 'rights' in India's emergent democracy," she points out.

Radical social reorientation

Chakravartty's family hailed from East Bengal, and several members had stayed back there. "Listening to those who longed for the lost homeland and to those who remained there, she came to acquire a deep sense of identification with the land that she had not seen," says Sarkar.

Her mother, the novelist Sabitri Ray, has portrayed their life in a refugee settlement in West Bengal in her novels and short stories. Too often, writes Chakravartty in the Preface, women's experience of Partition becomes a story of loss and victimhood, of violence and oppression. "While the focus is valid and deeply relevant, it does somewhat marginalise other areas of experience that are no less relevant." Chakravartty points out that the women refugees of Bengal have not only played an important role in shaping the women's movement, but they have also been responsible for a radical reorientation of the social lives of Bengali women.

Chakravartty traces the story of migration – how and why Hindus abandoned their ancestral homes and left East Bengal; and also about the lifelong yearning for the "land of rivers" they had left behind.

In West Bengal, refugees faced enormous problems. In that backdrop, Chakravartty reviews the transition in the lives of the refugee women who came out on the streets and plunged into political activism for survival, seeking shelter, food and employment.

In due course, there were immense sociological changes in the lives of refugees living in the colonies, which Chakravartty documents.

In his Introduction to *Partition's Legacies*, David Washbrook writes that Chatterji's Bengal is no less fractured and brutalised by colonialism, Partition, and the post-colonial state. "However, it does not only stand as a field of negation and lament. [In several essays], she shows how even little people mattered, re-built their lives, challenged and re-made policies of the state, and acculturated themselves to new environments."

Chakravartty's book on the lives of refugee women and Biswas's on his own crushing childhood are an invaluable addition to books on Partition in the east.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

French astronomer Charles Messier was born on June 26, 1730. Messier published the Catalogue of Nebulae and Star Clusters. A quiz on his astronomical objects

Prathmesh Kher

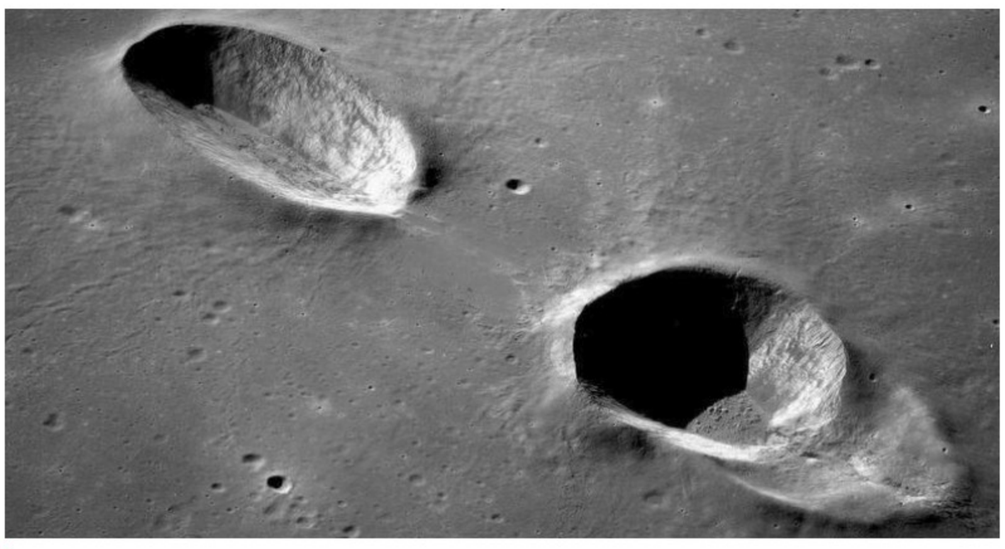
QUESTION 1
How many objects are there in the Messier catalogue?

QUESTION 2
Messier objects are classified as what?

QUESTION 3
M45 is an asterism seen in the constellation Taurus. What is its more common name?

QUESTION 4
Which constellation contains the most Messier objects?

QUESTION 5
How many nebulas did Charles Messier discover?



Visual question:
Identify the craters in the picture.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Orwell was born here. **Ans: India**
2. Orwell is best known for these two books. **Ans: *Animal Farm, 1984***
3. This is a memoir of Orwell. **Ans: *Homage to Catalonia***
4. The context in which 'Orwellian' is used. **Ans: It is used to describe totalitarian and authoritarian social practices**
5. Orwell's birth name and the reason why he chose the name 'George Orwell'. **Ans: Eric Arthur Blair; the name George, was inspired by the patron saint of England and Orwell after the River Orwell in Suffolk, which was one of Orwell's favourite locations**
6. Orwell wrote about the importance of precise and clear language in this essay. **Ans: 'Politics and the English Language'**
Visual: Name this writer and the book for which he won the Prometheus Award. **Ans: Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451***
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"So did you go to Shreya's party?"

"Oh, yes. They had some really good stuff to eat."

"What does her significant other do?"

"Her what?"

"Significant other. This is the term being used in the U.S. These refer to..."

"...the husband or the wife, I suppose."

"Well, not just the husband or wife. It could be the boyfriend or girlfriend."

"So, it's something like 'better half'."

"No. 'Better half' usually refers to the husband or wife, not to boyfriends or girlfriends. So the term 'significant other' is much more general than 'better half'."

"I see. Shreya's significant other, as you put it, is a chemical engineer. His name is Ajay. Does everything that Shreya wants him to."

"He's putty in her hands already! How very interesting."

"He's what?"

"Putty. It's spelt p..u..t..t..y and it rhymes with the word 'nutty'. And..."

"...with the word 'nutty'? So, the p..u..t in the word 'putty' is pronounced like the words 'hut', 'but' and 'shut'?"

"Yes, that's right."

"I see. But tell me, what is putty?"

"Good question. Putty is a paste. It's what carpenters use to fix the glass panes onto the window frames."

"Oh, I've seen that before. They also use this putty to fill any cracks or holes in wooden furniture."

"Right again. When you say that someone is putty in your hands, it means they will do what you want them to do. That they are easily influenced by whatever you say."

"In our films, the police are putty in the politician's hands. Can I say that?"

"That's a very good example. My boss is putty in his wife's hands. He always does what she tells him to do."

"Does he really? Or are you just being mean?"

"Just being mean. I guess."

"Oh my gosh! Look at the time. It's nearly 3:30! I'm supposed to meet Ram in the railway station at 4:00."

"Is he going somewhere?"

"Both of us are taking the bus to the stadium to see the football game. So, I asked him to wait for me at the bus stop outside the station."

"Well, in that case, you're not meeting him in the station, but at the station."

"Is there a difference in meaning?"

"Yes, there is. When you say you are meeting someone 'in' the station, it means you are meeting them inside the station."

"But doesn't 'at the station' mean the same thing?"

"If you say you are meeting someone 'at the station', it could mean different things. It could mean you are meeting this person inside the station. It could also mean that you are meeting the person just outside the station."

"So 'at' can have two meanings. It can mean 'inside' or 'outside' the station."

"It doesn't always have to be just outside the station. It could also mean somewhere near the station. Which meaning the word has will depend on the context."

Published in The Hindu on January 7, 1997.

Word of the day

Retrench:
tighten one's belt; use resources carefully; make a reduction, as in one's workforce

Synonyms: conserve, economise, bring down, cut, reduce

Usage: *The company had to retrench.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/retrenchpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɹɪˈtɹɛnʧ/

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Report: AI is becoming formidable tool for cybercriminals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The report, *The State of AI-Powered Cybercrime: Threat & Mitigation Report 2025*, recently released by the Global Initiative for Restructuring Environment and Management (GIREM), in partnership with automotive retail technology company Tekion, has highlighted how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a formidable tool in the hands of cybercriminals.

According to the report, AI tools were involved in approximately 82.6% of all phishing emails, positioning AI in nearly eight out of every 10 phishing campaigns.

In addition to the email text, AI is used to spin up realistic dashboards, register typo-squatting domains, and create dynamic, interactive phishing pages, making these attempts far more convincing and effective, the report stated.

The study was officially unveiled by Dr. M.A. Saleem, Director-General & Inspector-General of Police of Karnataka.

According to it, India registered over 19.18 lakh cybercrime complaints in 2024, up from 15.56 lakh in 2023, reflecting a tenfold jump since 2019.

"Financial fraud remains the dominant motive, with Indian citizens losing an unprecedented ₹22,812 crore to cybercrime in 2024, nearly three times the losses recorded in 2023 (₹7,496 crore) and almost ten times that of 2022 (₹2,306 crore).

₹33,165 crore

Over the past four years, cybercriminals have siphoned off a staggering ₹33,165 crore from individuals and businesses across the country, with 'digital arrest' fraud alone contributing nearly ₹1,936 crore loss in 2024," it noted.

India ranked second globally in terms of being the most-targeted nation for crypto attacks in 2024, with 95 incidents, following the U.S.

'There were sounds of sirens and distant explosions every day'

Karnataka residents relive harrowing escape from war-torn Iran as those evacuated reach home; many people from Alipur in Chickballapur district had gone to Iran to pursue education, theological studies, or for work

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

A batch of 296 Indians evacuated from Iran arrive on a special flight in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

For the people of Alipur in Karnataka's Chickballapur district, the past few weeks have been an unimaginable nightmare. Many had gone to Iran to pursue education, theological studies, or for work. None had anticipated that escalating hostilities between Iran and Israel would leave them trapped.

"We never thought we would make it home again," said Syed Mohammad Taqi over phone to *The Hindu* who returned to India on Saturday. A resident of Alipur in Gauribidanur taluk, Mr. Taqi was part of a group of 11 students who were among over 100 villagers stuck in Iran.

"I cannot describe the fear," he continues. "There were sounds of sirens and distant explosions every day. Our neighbourhood was just 5 km from a missile strike. The nights felt endless as flashes lit up the sky like fireworks, but far more terrifying."

Communication was almost impossible during those tense days. "There was no Internet. We couldn't reach our loved ones back home. Our families in India were frantic. Only after the Indian Embassy moved us to a hotel were we given wi-fi, and finally, we could speak to them," Mr. Taqi recalls.

Alipur is a close-knit village with many pursuing studies or business in Iran. On June 18, *The Hindu* reported how the war had unsettled Alipur's residents.

Shafeeq Abidi, a well-known Urdu poet and former journalist from the village, said that around 40 of his fellow villagers had already come home safely.

For many, the terror began on June 13. "That is a day I will never forget," says Mohsin Raza, a medical student in Tehran. "The first explosion happened just a kilometre from our hostel. Initially, we thought it was an accident or a loud army vehicle. Outside, we could see missiles arcing across the night sky. That's when we realised this was a serious attack."

Mr. Mohsin, along with other students, reached out to the Indian Embassy. "We contacted them and told them how dangerous it was becoming. The embassy promised us they were working on evacuation plans as the conflict intensified," he added.

Meanwhile, Syeda Faize, who stayed in Tehran, spent those days huddled in a basement shelter. "There were constant bombings, and the sound of explosions was deafening. We hardly slept. Every blast felt like it could be the last. Our only thought was to survive," she added.

In India's ongoing evacuation initiative Operation Sindhu, citizens were moved to comparatively safer cities like Qom and Yazd before being relocated to Mashhad and eventually returning to India.

Although most of Alipur's stranded residents are finally home, those who survived the ordeal say they cannot forget the chaos they witnessed.

"We thought we would never make it," Mr. Taqi says, his voice filled with emotion. "But we're here back in our village safe at last."

Devanahalli farmers serve 24-hour ultimatum to State government to shelve land acquisition

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Actor Prakash Raj at the 'Devanahalli Chalo' protest organised by farmers on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Farmers opposing the acquisition of 1,777 acres in 13 villages of Devanahalli taluk for a proposed aerospace park have served a 24-hour ultimatum to the State government to shelve the acquisition process in full. Failing this, they have threatened to launch an intensified struggle from Thursday.

The declaration was made at the 'Devanahalli Chalo' protest by farmers on Wednesday that saw people from various walks of life, including actor Prakash Raj, experts like T.N. Prakash Kammaradi, academicians and social activists taking part in it.

Later, in a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the protesters said: "For the past 1,178 days, we have been fighting for saving our land and livelihood. People of all castes, like brothers and sisters, have united and fought together. We have knocked on the doors of those in power. This tug-of-war is enough. A final resolution must be reached. Either you must leave us alone to live our lives or you must permanently imprison us with our families and declare that companies are more important to you than us."

They said that the then-ruling BJP government decided in January 2022 to evict them and give away their 1,777 acres of land to private companies. But the nearly 800 families who own this land had decided against giving away their land.

Recalling that the public opinion elicited by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board had showed that 80% of farmers had refused to part with their land, they argued that it was necessary as per norms to shelve the land.

Questioning the commitment of Mr. Siddaramaiah on protecting their interests, they pointed out that when in Opposition, the Congress had opposed the project in the Assembly and he had visited them during the protest and promised to cancel the acquisition process if he were to get power. "This protest has been organised now with the decision to knock on your doors firmly for the last time," they told the Chief Minister in the letter.

Referring to the offer by Ministers M.B. Patil and K.H. Muniyappa of keeping three of the 13 villages out of the land acquisition process, the farmers described it as "divide-and-rule strategy" and reiterated that they would reject such a proposal.

Farmers' meeting at police station

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Over 200 farmers of Devanahalli taluk convened a core committee meeting at Sampigehalli police station on Wednesday night after they were detained for protesting against land acquisition.

Even though the police released the farmers and requested them to go, the detained farmers decided to stay back and discuss the future course of action, after the Chief Minister requested the farmers to drop the protest seeking one week's time to decide on the protest.

From Page One

Revised proposal sought for Goa-Tamnar power project

In a communique dated June 12, 2025, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi/Dharwad/Kanara Circles, have been directed to obtain a revised proposal as directed by the State government-through the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of forests, and the user agency, "for further processing".

The copy of the communique has also been issued to the Manager, Goa-Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd.

Serious consequences

This flip-flop by the State government on an environmental issue with serious consequences for the sensitive Western Ghats ecosystem has riled up activists.

Wildlife conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni said that there was no scope to make significant changes or realignment of the transmission line, given the nature of the landscape and the terrain.

He pointed out that last year, the Additional Chief Secretary had instructed the PCCF (Head of Forest Force) to take action to reject the proposal as per the directions of the Forest Minister. "Now, the State government has instructed the Forest Department to inform the user agency to submit a revised proposal based on the same letter written by PCCF. It is not known why the government changed its own decision," said Mr. Kulkarni.

The transmission line project proposes to connect the existing power grid at Narendra in Dharwad district to Xeldem in Goa. The original length of the transmission line is 94 km, out of which, a 72 km-stretch passes through forests in the State, including 6.6 km through the Anshi-Dandeli Tiger Reserve. The project entails a diversion of 174.652 hectares or 435.58 acres of pristine forestland for the 400-kV Goa-Tamnar transmission line, which is to be routed through sensitive areas of the Western Ghats, including the Anshi-Dandeli Tiger Reserve.

Tree felling

An estimated 35% of the approximate 73,000 trees in the proposed site will be lost if the project comes to fruition, thereby adversely affecting the biodiversity.

Seat blocking scam: ED raids engg. colleges

Taking cognisance of media reports about the seat blocking scam, the ED had then asked KEA the to submit a detailed report about the scam. The KEA had then replied to the ED's letter saying that there was no separate inquiry held by them and any necessary information can be collected from the police investigation.

This academic year, to prevent any such scams, the KEA decided to issue 'seat confirmation slips' instead of 'admission orders' to students who have secured seats for professional courses. All admission processes, including the Common Entrance Test (CET) counselling was conducted through facial recognition technology this year.

The KEA on Wednesday announced that candidates who have applied for admission to professional courses and have received their verification slip through the official website will be given a chance to make corrections if there are any errors in their claims.

BBMP asks citizens to report hazardous trees and branches

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After two separate tree-fall incidents claimed the life of Sundar Akshay Shivaram, a 29-year-old HR executive, and critically injured Mayur Kumar, a 25-year software engineer on Monday, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has now asked citizens to report any dry or hazardous trees and tree branches to the BBMP helpline number 1533.

BBMP officials said that the forest cell was in the process of removing hazardous and dry trees. The BBMP also told citizens to report with photo and location to specific officials.

BJP unit told to take protests on stampede deaths, graft in house allotments to their logical end

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Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok meets party central leaders in Delhi

R. Ashok

The BJP central leadership is learnt to have sternly advised the party State unit to work effectively and aggressively towards taking to logical end its protests against allegations of corruption in allotment of houses to poor families, the stampede during RCB's victory celebrations in Bengaluru that claimed 11 lives, and the diversion of funds of the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation.

This message is learnt to have been conveyed to Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok, who is in Delhi to meet the party central leaders.

In monsoon session

According to sources, the party's central leadership has specifically stressed the need for effectively raising these issues in the forthcoming monsoon session of the State legislature. The party's central leadership feels that the State unit needs to effectively build a public campaign around these issues to put the government on the mat, said sources.

Mr. Ashok, who has already held consultations with senior leaders Rajnath Singh, Dharmendra Pradhan, and B.L. Santhosh, is expected to meet party national president J.P. Nadda too before returning to Bengaluru.

Party issues

Meanwhile, speculations are rife that the central leadership has also held consultations with him on issues related to the party organisation in the State, including the pending election of the State president. The election of the State president is still due, though the decks have already been cleared for this by completing the process of election of party district unit presidents.

While incumbent president B.Y. Vijayendra is confident of getting another opportunity, his political detractors, particularly senior leaders, are reportedly favouring a senior leader such as Union Minister V. Somanna for this post.

However, the party's central leadership has been playing its cards close to its chest on the issue of presidential polls. But there is a widespread feeling among the State unit leaders that *status quo* may be preferred for now.

Cabinet reshuffle, nomination to Council await Rahul's nod

Party says the CM has made efforts to convince the high command of the necessity of Cabinet reshuffle to induct new faces

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah meeting with AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is believed to be making all-out efforts to get the Congress high command's clearance for the State Cabinet reshuffle, re-induction of MLA B. Nagendra into the Cabinet, and filling four vacancies in the Legislative Council.

With senior leader Rahul Gandhi touring abroad, party central leaders have apparently not cleared the proposals of the Chief Minister, Congress sources said.

The Chief Minister and his loyal Ministers called on the top brass of the party, including All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC general secretary and Karnataka in charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, and AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal in Delhi and discussed political developments in the State.

Sources in the party said the Chief Minister has made efforts to convince the high command of the necessity of the Cabinet reshuffle to induct new faces. He is keen to induct Mr. Nagendra, who resigned as Minister following a scam in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, sources said.

For and against rejig

Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief D.K. Shivakumar appears to be opposing the Cabinet reshuffle and seeking transfer of power to him after Mr. Siddaramaiah completes 30 months in the top post. Incidentally, Mr. Shivakumar did not accompany Mr. Siddaramaiah to Delhi.

On the other hand, sources said if Mr. Kharge and Mr. Venugopal are convinced, and they advise Mr. Gandhi to allow Mr. Siddaramaiah to undertake the Cabinet reshuffle, it would signal his continuation as the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Ministers Satish Jarkiholi, H.C. Mahadevappa, and K.J. George and ministerial aspirants Ajay Singh and Chief Minister's economic adviser Basavaraj Rayaraddi.

Council seats

Mr. Siddaramaiah has also requested the high command to clear the names of candidates for nomination to the four vacant seats in the Legislative Council. However, sources said the names would be cleared only after Mr. Gandhi's return to Delhi.

Sources claimed that Mr. Siddaramaiah appealed to the high command to change the KPCC president. Ministers Mr. Jarkoholi, M.B. Patil, and Eshwar Khandre seem to be lobbying for the KPCC chief's post.

Study highlights need to widen initiatives in healthcare, elementary education in State

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A file photo of people outside a primary health centre. Karnataka exhibits stark intra-State disparities, and uptake of public health and education facilities compared to private ones is poor, say researchers.

A study on the drivers of State-level initiatives in primary healthcare and elementary education in urban areas during the last decade has highlighted the need for Karnataka to widen the range of initiatives in primary healthcare and elementary education.

This is important to provide government-funded primary health and elementary education to all in Karnataka, and not just the poorest, the study stated.

The paper titled 'Drivers of primary healthcare and elementary education initiatives in Karnataka (2014-2024)' by Priyadarshini Singh, research fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), was discussed by a panel of experts at a seminar on 'Policy options for urban health and education' on Wednesday.

The panel, which was comprised of public health and education experts Sudha Chandrashekar and Sanjay Kaul, discussed the implications of the study's findings for improving urban public health and education services in Karnataka and beyond.

Recommendations

The working paper, which recommends additional pathways from which new State-level initiatives can emerge, is part of a three-State (Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Odisha) study that examined the drivers of State-level initiatives in primary healthcare and elementary education, focusing specifically on urban areas from 2014-2024.

"The paper investigates three questions in the case of Karnataka – the key initiatives that focus on the overall primary health and elementary education system; ground-level issues in the working of Urban Primary Health Centres and schools, and the reason that drove the emergence of these initiatives," said Ms. Singh, pointing out that the study is based on extensive fieldwork in two urban municipal corporations – one each in north and south Karnataka.

"Effective social welfare, whether in the areas of education, health, sanitation, water, or nutrition, is not only dependent on how well existing programmes are implemented and governance systems function but also on the extent to which social welfare is prioritised by the State and Central governments. Prioritisation is reflected in forms such as increased budget allocation, mission-mode implementation of existing programmes, or the development of new initiatives that solve specific challenges," she said presenting the paper.

Sluggish performance

Pointing out that Karnataka is often praised in nationally prominent indices as a progressive State with strong fiscal, health, and education indicators, she said, "However, our analysis questions this categorisation, suggesting that Karnataka's good performance is limited to certain indicators, where it is only marginally better than the national average. In many other health and education indicators, such as out-of-pocket expenditure and learning levels, Karnataka's performance is sluggish."

The researcher said Karnataka exhibits stark intra-State disparities, and in the uptake of public health and education facilities compared to private ones is poor.

"Despite historically undertaking prominent initiatives, Karnataka is not a national leader in health and education. We analyse the drivers of State-level initiatives to understand why Karnataka has not become a national leader with high uptake and quality of primary health and elementary education in urban areas," she explained.

B.R. Patil meets CM, Dy. CM

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Congress MLA for Aland B.R. Patil meeting with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

After making the allegation about the cash-for-house scam, Aland MLA and Deputy Chairman of the Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission B.R. Patil on Wednesday met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the latter's residence and reportedly provided an explanation on the alleged scam.

Earlier, Mr. Patil met Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and held discussions on the charges he made against Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan.

A leaked audio clip of Mr. Patil's telephone conversation with Sarfaraz Khan, a close aide of the Housing Minister, has left the government red-faced.

Visit to KSDL

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Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India, and Chandru Iyer, Deputy High Commissioner for Karnataka and Kerala, visited Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. on Wednesday. During their visit, they were briefed on the company's history.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

1	Description	E-Tender called for Reassessment of Graphite ore reserves at Sivagangai - Graphite Mine
2	Tender No. & Date	261/ME-1/2025, dated.26.06.2025
3	Tender ID	2025_TNMIN_572802_1
4	Bid document Start date	26.06.2025 from 10.00 hrs.
5	Bid submission end date	28.07.2025 upto 16.00 hrs.
6	Technical bid opening date	29.07.2025 at 16.00 hrs.
7	Tender Form Fee	Rs.1,180/- Non-refundable including GST 18%
8	EMD Amount	Rs.5,90,000/- including GST 18%

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)
Tender are invited from reputed manufacturers/dealers for **Procurement of 95,000 Kgs of Common Salt Big Crystal White 1st Quality at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru** for Annual Requirement.
Tender Documents, details of the Notification, schedule terms & conditions can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date and time for uploading the tender along with **EMD of Rs. 15,000/-** through KPP Portal is **24.07.2025 upto 03.00 P.M.** The Technical bids will be opened on **25.07.2025 at 03.30 P.M.**Further details can be had from the office of the Undersigned during working hours or KPP-Portal help desk – 080-46010000, 080-22631200.
DIPR/CP/1311/Adwit/2025-26 **Sd/- GENERAL MANAGER (Proc)**

Union dept. provides details on modalities of MIP for mangoes

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After announcing a market intervention price (MIP) for mangoes at ₹1,616 a quintal under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for 2025-26 on Tuesday, the Union Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also said that the maximum quantum of differential payment between the MIP and the sale price will be up to 25% of the MIP.

In a letter to the Principal Secretary of the Cooperation Department of Karnataka, the Union Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has stated that the selling price will be decided by the committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary (Agriculture/Horticulture/ Cooperation) of the Government of Karnataka.

It also says that the farmers availing themselves of the benefits under the price deficiency payment should trade their produce in notified APMC *mandi*s of the State and that the implementing period of the price deficiency payment under the MIS of mango in Karnataka for 2025-26 season will be for one month from the date of first transaction.

"The losses incurred in the implementation of price deficiency payment will be shared between the Central and the State governments in the ratio of 50:50," the letter states.

Officials told to use Kannada in administration

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has instructed officials to use Kannada extensively for administrative purposes in all State departments and district administrations, warning that disciplinary action will be taken against those who fail to comply.

Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, who issued a circular, said despite several circulars issued to administer in Kannada, the Kannada Development Authority had been reporting that the instructions were being ignored. In this context, it has been reiterated that the instructions should be followed compulsorily, and disciplinary action would be taken against those who violated them, the circular said.

15 drugs and other products declared as 'substandard'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The list also includes compound sodium lactate injection IP manufactured by three companies

Declaring 15 drugs and products manufactured by various pharma companies as 'substandard', Karnataka's Food Safety and Drug Administration Department has prohibited their sale and use in the State.

The list of the 'substandard' drugs includes 'Om Shanti' gold class kumkum (vermilion) by Mysuru-based Rangarao and Sons. The list also includes compound sodium lactate injection IP (Ringer-Lactate solution for injection) manufactured by three different companies – Ultra Laboratories, Tam Bran Pharmaceuticals, and Otsuka Pharmaceuticals India, and Pomol-650 (paracetamol tablets IP 650 mg) manufactured by Aban Pharmaceuticals.

Following this, the State Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has directed all drug retailers, doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes to immediately stop storing/selling/using these products. If any stock is found in hospitals or drug stores, the local drug inspector or assistant drug controller should be informed immediately, he said in a post on X.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr.T.SELVARAJ
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Former General Secretary,
LVB Retirees Organisation
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KPCL invites Bids through GoK KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following Procurement works.
1). KPCL/2025-26/IND1703, Mill Motor Coupling. **2). KPCL/2024-25/IND 1570,** Tig Filler Wire. **3). KPCL/2024-25/IND1571,** COF Spares. **4). KPCL/ 2025-26/IND1586,** Gaskets. **5). KPCL/2025-26/IND1734,** Drip Shield SS Wire Mesh. **6). KPCL/2025-26/IND1716,** Pourable Refractory. **7). KPCL/ 2025-26/IND1735,** Plastic Refractory With Liquid Binder. **8). KPCL/2025-26/ IND1705,** Erosion Protection Shields. **9). KPCL/2025-26/IND1636/CALL-2,** Spares for Turbine Pumps. **10). KPCL/2025-26/IND1715,** Liner Plates for CHP. **11). KPCL/2024-25/IND1398/CALL-4,** Coal Handling Spares.
Last date for receipt of tenders: for Sl. No. 6: **28.06.2025**, for Sl. No. 9 &11: **01.07.2025**, for Sl. No.10: **02.07.2025**, for Sl. No.1, 3, 4 & 5: **03.07.2025**, for Sl. No. 2, 7 & 8: **04.07.2025**. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Purchase), BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini - 583152, Bellary Taluk & District.** Mobile No.: **09480830377** (For Sl. No. 1 to 8 Works). Mobile No.: **09480830342** (For Sl. No. 9 to 11 Works).

Telangana seeks Centre's intervention in CPSU land allotment issues

Rajeev M
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has sought the intervention of the Central government in resolving the issues pertaining to vast tracts of lands allotted to the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in the past.

The Government of erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh allotted huge lands to the Central government institutions in 1960s at concessional prices as part of measures for industrial development and employment generation.

However, several of these institutions were either shut down or stopped production in due course leaving lands unutilised, Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu said.

Mr. Sridhar Babu called on Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday seeking his intervention in resolution of the problems related to lands allotted to the CPSUs. He explained that few firms were reportedly making efforts to change the category of lands so that they could be put to use commercially.

Mr. Sridhar Babu explained to the Union Minister that the unutilised lands and disinvestment process initiated by the Centre without alternatives was adversely affecting the State's development.

Kerala to urge Raj Bhavan to use Constitutional symbols at functions

Move comes against the backdrop of Raj Bhavan using what the LDF describes as the RSS's Hindu nationalist depiction of 'Mother India' at functions attended by Kerala Governor; event organised at Kerala University on Wednesday triggers row

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

On Wednesday, the Kerala Cabinet reportedly considered notifying the Raj Bhavan that Constitutional protocol forbids political and religious iconography at State functions.

The administration's move comes against the backdrop of the Raj Bhavan repeatedly using what the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government described as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's Hindu nationalist depiction of "Mother India" at functions attended by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

The police detaining SFI activists who attempted to block the gates of the University of Kerala on Wednesday. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Law Minister P. Rajeeve told reporters that the government would inform Raj Bhavan that protocol insisted that only Constitutional symbols, such as the national anthem and national flag, be used at State functions, especially those attended by the Governor, who is the *de jure* head of the government.

"The government's stance is clear. Using non-Constitutional and non-national symbols with political and religious overtones at secular State functions insults the revered national emblems and the Constitution. The Governor is the Constitutional head of State," he said.

Mr. Rajeeve demurred when asked whether Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, head of the Council of Ministers, would write to the Governor about the matter. "What transpires between the Cabinet and the Governor cannot be discussed in the public domain," Mr. Rajeev replied.

Mr. Arlerkar stood firm that Bharat Mata was on a par with other national emblems and a long-revered symbol of national unity.

Meanwhile an event organised on Wednesday at the Kerala University's Senate Hall in Palayam by the Sree Padmanabha Seva Samiti to mark the 50th anniversary of the Emergency, waded into controversy over a Bharat Mata portrait.

While the University Registrar K.S. Anil Kumar asked the organisers to remove the image, the organisers refused to comply.

The Governor, who attended the programme, said, "I have no political enmity. I am not a political leader. But not having confrontation does not mean I will compromise on my ideas. This type of Emergency cannot be tolerated".

Flash floods in river trigger panic in Wayanad

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

Flash floods in the Punnappuzha river that flows through Chooralmala, which witnessed a massive landslide on July 30 last year, triggered panic in Wayanad district of Kerala on Wednesday.

However, authorities ruled out any landslip in the region and maintained that there was no danger since the Mundakkai region was totally uninhabited now.

The district has been put on orange alert for rain on Thursday.

Though the district was put on yellow alert on Wednesday, the region has been experiencing heavy rainfall since Tuesday. The water in the Punnapuzha was turbulent and muddy. The Attamala road was waterlogged. The river was overflowing, cutting off traffic through the Bailey bridge set up by the Army after the 2024 landslides.

Workers on the Ranimala and Harrisons tea estates on the other side of the bridge were stranded for some time but were soon brought to safety.

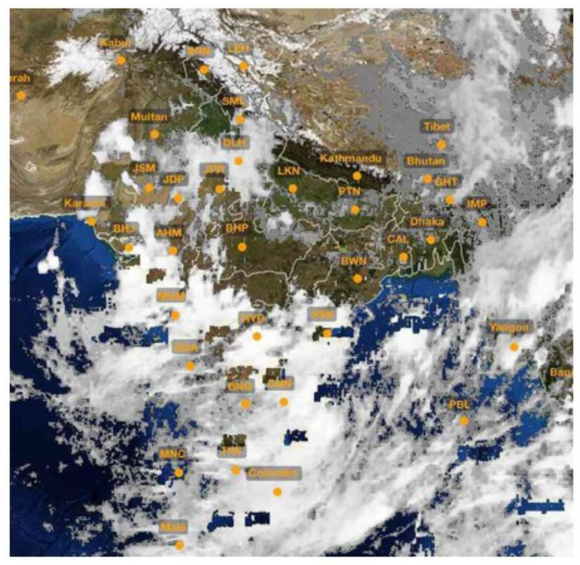
The Punnappuzha river at Chooralmala in Wayanad overflowing on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The State Disaster Management Authority has ruled out any reports of landslips in the forest near Punchirimattam. It said debris from the previous landslides were flowing downstream and advised the public to stay away from the "no-go zone."

Meanwhile, the local people organised a protest near the Bailey bridge demanding that the State government keep its word. They said they were in a dire financial situation as there was not work during rain as most of them were estate labourers. The government had offered to pay them a monthly allowance of ₹9,000 after the landslides. The payment had been stopped.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	34.2	26.2	Kozhikode	40	31.4	24.4
Ahmedabad	6	33.3	26.8	Kurnool	1	31.8	25.3
Aizawl	20	31.4	22.5	Lucknow	0.2	35.9	28.3
Allahabad	—	36.2	27.4	Madurai	—	39.0	27.1
Bengaluru	—	27.6	21.0	Mangaluru	46	29.1	23.3
Bhopal	5	29.0	22.8	Mumbai	4	31.7	27.0
Bhubaneswar	50.1	31.2	26.2	Mysuru	1	27.2	20.2
Chandigarh	4.6	27.8	27.0	New Delhi	—	34.9	29.6
Chennai	—	34.1	29.0	Patna	1	34.4	27.8
Coimbatore	—	29.4	23.2	Port Blair	7	30.4	26.8
Dehradun	1	28.1	26.0	Puducherry	—	36.0	27.0
Gangtok	12	24.7	17.1	Pune	—	30.6	25.2
Goa	15	29.8	26.1	Raipur	2	32.0	25.5
Guwahati	7	34.9	25.5	Ranchi	56	26.8	—
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	—	25.2	18.0
Hyderabad	0.2	33.0	23.6	Shimla	4	25.5	21.4
Imphal	0.2	27.3	24.0	Srinagar	—	32.5	25.0
Jaipur	78	34.5	26.2	Thiruvananthapuram	6	31.6	26.2
Kochi	12	30.4	25.4	Tiruchi	—	35.1	28.0
Kohima	5	22.6	19.5	Vijayawada	9.4	30.8	24.7
Kolkata	0.1	33.6	28.0	Visakhapatnam	2	26.2	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	57	41	40	63	
Bengaluru	12	3	27	37	132	
Chennai	15	23	56	56	87	
Delhi	12	31	49	154	225	
Hyderabad	4	9	74	88	93	
Kolkata	3	38	21	51	49	
Lucknow	48	12	8	113	72	
Mumbai	25	50	21	65	78	
Pune	—	104	47	35	81	
Visakhapatnam	17	72	24	51	62	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 286 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Health Officer (West) Bhasyam Park, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-20
No: HO(W)PR/493/2025-26 Date: 25-06-2025

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: Tender Notification No: HO(W)PR/456/2025-26, Date: 18-06-2025.
As per Tender Notification No: HO(w)PR/456/2025-26, Dt: 18-06-2025 below mentioned condition is incorporated in tender document of supply of chemical Temephos EC 50% and Alphacypermethrin 10%.

Existing	Changes
Last date and time for Receipt of Tender: 26-06-2025 upto 5.00pm	Last date and time for Receipt of Tender : 05-07-2025 upto 5.00pm
In sl.no 3 of documents to be furnished by the bidder in support of Eligibility Criteria No convection certificate as per Annexure-IV issued by the Competent authority not older than 10 months as on the day of tender submission	No objection certificate from the Department of Agriculture
"Drugs" word in all tender documents	To Read as Chemicals

Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website http: eproc.karnataka.gov.in
All other terms and conditions remain unchanged to the Original Tender Notification.
Sd/- Health Officer (West), BBMP, Bengaluru

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 102.
No:BBMP/EE/BPD/Tend-07/2025-26 Dated: 25.06.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, BBMP Bengaluru-102, invites tenders from eligible service providers, for the supply/repairs of goods detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of The Service	Quantity
1.	TENT 20X50	1 sft
2.	STAGE 20X40	1 sft
3.	SIDE WALL 10X20	1 sft
4.	TABLE	1 nos
5.	CHAIR	1 nos
6.	WELL WET FLOOR MATE	1 sft
7.	PODIUM	1 nos
8.	VIP CHAIR	1 nos
9.	CARDLESS MIKE-2,SPEKER-7 WITH JBL SETUP INCLUDING LABOUR	1 set
10.	BREAK FAST, COFFEE, TEA, 300ml WATER BOTTLE, SERVICE & TRANSPORT	1 set
11.	KASHMIR SHAWL	1 nos
12.	ELACHI HARA	1 nos
13.	FREEDOM FITTER BOOK	1 nos

Calendar of Events : (1) Tenders must be submitted online through kpp portal on or before **11.07.2025** at **4:00** pm. (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from the kpp portal from **30.06.2025** (3) Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents on or before **11.07.2025** at **4:00** pm. (4) Financial bids will be opened on **14.07.2025** at **11:30** am onwards.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division

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No:ddswd/vij/Foodtender/CR-/2024-25 Date:23-06-2025

Short Term Tender Notice

For the year 2025-26 & 2026-27 a Short term tender has been invited through E-Procurement for the supply of Food & Other miscellaneous Items for 2 Years to the Pre-Metric, Post Metric Hostels & Residencial School functioning in Vijayanagara Dist(Excluding Hospet Taluk) Under Social Welfare Department Vijayanagara, The details are as follows. 01.Website Adress: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** 02.Tender Number: **SWD/2025-26/INDO320/CALL-2.** 03.Tender Form Upload Starting Date: **23-06-2025.** 04.Pre-Bid Meeting date, time & Place: **26-06-2025 Morning 11.00 am @ Office Of the Joint Director, Social Welfare Department Vidyanagara, Behind National College Abhishek Hospital Road Vijayanagara.** 05.Last Date & Time for submission of tender : **30-06-2025 @ Evening 5.00 Pm** . 06.Date & timing of opening Technical-Bid: **01-07-2025 @ Evening 05.05 Pm Or date will be intimated later.** Address for: 1.Samples Submission, 2. opening of tenders, 3.for communication Office of the : **Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, Vidyanagara, Behind National College Abhishek Hospital Road Vijayanagara**
Amount put to tender (in Lacks): **21,21,76,175/-.** E.M.D Amount: **21,21,762/-**
For further information contact Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Vijayanagara (9980581777) to apply for the tender visit this website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/KSMCA/RO No/117
Sd/- Joint Director, Social Welfare Department Vijayanagar.

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ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2025-26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯಗಳು, ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆ/ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೌಲಾನ ಆಜಾದ್ ಮಾದರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ವೃಂದದ ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್, ಡ್ರೈವರ್, ಗ್ರೂಪ್-ಡಿ, ಅಡುಗೆಯವರು, ಅಡುಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಕಾವಲುಗಾರರು, ಸ್ಟಾಫ್ ನರ್ಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲದ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ : (ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

1.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ	23-06-2025
2.	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ	ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ರೂ.284.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
3.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23-06-2025
4.	ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.07.2025, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
5.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.07.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
6.	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.07.2025 ಬೆ: 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಸಿ.ಎ-1, ದಂಡಿ ಮಾರಮ್ಮನ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಎದುರು, ಶೋಭಾ ಗಾರ್ಡನ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಮೈಸೂರು-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು- 570007
7.	ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾದ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನಂತರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಸಿ.ಎ-1, ದಂಡಿ ಮಾರಮ್ಮನ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಎದುರು, ಶೋಭಾ ಗಾರ್ಡನ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಮೈಸೂರು-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು- 570007.
8.	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (1.5%)	4.26 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
9.	ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಸಿ.ಎ-1, ದಂಡಿ ಮಾರಮ್ಮನ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಎದುರು, ಶೋಭಾ ಗಾರ್ಡನ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಮೈಸೂರು-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು- 570007. **Land Line no: 0821 2422088. Mobile no : 9731357199**

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಶಿರಡಿ ಸಾಬು/515/2025-26
ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಅಲ್ಪ ಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

Government of Karnataka
(DEPARTMENT OF AGRIL; MARKETING)
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE,
Gandhi Gunj, BIDAR – 585 403, E mail: apmcbidar@gmail.com
No.AMD/APMC/BDR/529/2025–2026 Date:18.06.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION Call-02.

APMC, Bidar hereby invites competitive intrest rates form Nationalised banks of placing Surplus Funds in saving accounts of banks on to Fixed Deposits Throughs Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The details are as followers.
1) Name of the Assignment Placing surplus funds in fixed deposits. (Rs. 7,50,00,000-00), 2) Duration of investment 01 Year (One Year only), 3) EMD Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Towenty Five thousand only), 4) Base rate of Interest (Minimum rate of Interest) 7.65% (Non Callable),5) Pre-Bid Meeting & Place Date:30-06 -2025 Time:11.00 AM Place: APMC Bidar , Dist: BIDAR, 6) Last Date and Time for queries Date:16-07 -2025 Time : 04.00 PM, 7) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender Date:19-07-2025 Time : 04.00 PM, 8) Date and Time for Technical Evaluastion Opening Date:22-07-2025.Time:11.00 AM, 9) Date and Time for Financial Evaluation Opening Date:25-07-2025 Time: 04.00 PM, 10) Address for Communication SECRETARY, APMC BIDAR Tender Terms and conditions can be obtained from The Office of the Secretary, Apmc Bidar during working days and hourse Through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The committee reserves The right to accept reject tenders without assigning any reasons.
Sd/- Secretary, A.P.M.C, Bidar
Sd/- Administrator, A.P.M.C, Bidar
DIPR/Bidar/76/KSMC&A/2024-25

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ1.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್-ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ:11:2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:21-06-2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ
(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 11 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28-05-2025ರಂದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಾಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.41, 42) 02 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾರಣ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ-37 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, 2024-25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ.-03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, : ಒಟ್ಟು 40 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91-8046010000 +91-8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.1 ರಿಂದ 7, 9 ರಿಂದ 24, 26 ರಿಂದ 40ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23-06-2025 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07-07-2025 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07-07-2025 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09-07-2025 ಸಮಯ : 11.00
ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.08 ಹಾಗೂ 25 02 ರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23-06-2025 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-07-2025 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01-07-2025 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03-07-2025 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/103ಎ/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025-26
ಸಹಿ/-ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

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Shukla's paid flight to ISS will provide insight on human space flight

At noon on June 25 (IST), India's Shubhanshu Shukla lifted off with three other astronauts from NASA's Florida spaceport to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom-4 commercial mission. This is the first time an Indian has gone to orbital space since Rakesh Sharma in 1984. If the Dragon crew capsule docks successfully with the ISS on June 26, Mr. Shukla will also become the first Indian onboard the ISS. Over the next two weeks, he and the ISS crew will perform a suite of experiments carried by the Axiom-4 mission, including eight from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Mr. Shukla is among the leading candidates to fly in India's maiden human space flight mission, Gaganyaan, currently slated for 2027. For now, the Department of Space has not articulated the reasons for spending ₹548 crore to buy Mr. Shukla's seat on Axiom-4. Against the backdrop of the ₹20,200-crore budget for Gaganyaan, Mr. Shukla's paid flight to the ISS, packaged along with advanced training for him and back-up crewmate Prasanth Nair, will give India considerable insight into human space flight and how it is coordinated ahead of mounting its own astronaut expeditions, regardless of the money spent. However, this does not spare the Department of Space and ISRO from communicating the rationale and extent of these benefits, which has yet to happen.

Space flight has changed considerably between Mr. Sharma's and Mr. Shukla's flights: the stakes today are multidimensional and more demanding. Axiom is a private entity contracted with NASA and SpaceX, and which sells seats to commercial missions to the ISS. But uncertainties linger over NASA's future access to the Dragon crew capsules following Elon Musk's spat with U.S. President Donald Trump. The effects of Mr. Trump's tariffs and his willingness to honour predecessor Joe Biden's commitments to India, given the major budget cuts he has proposed for 2026, are also unclear. And the ISS is set to be decommissioned by 2030. In this world, the future of India's own space programme is caught between multiple futures. NASA and private U.S. companies, including Blue Origin, have said they would like to use Gaganyaan technologies in future missions as part of strengthening U.S.-India ties in the space sector. But even as the country balances commercial with public sector needs, it needs to remain a relevant provider of space flight services. The Indian government has signalled that it is willing to take positive steps to bolster the private sector but which, thus far, have been inadequate. Thus, once Mr. Shukla returns, ISRO's to-do list will move to the next big challenge even as public expectations of it, including transparent communication, will soar.

Cause and effect

Governments must uphold human rights in citizenship cases

Concerns surrounding citizenship faced by sections of society in India's border States have come to the fore again with courts stepping in to provide temporary relief to harassed individuals. The issues arising from these cases are far from settled. On June 24, the Supreme Court of India stayed the deportation of Jaynab Bibi who was labelled a "foreigner", first by the Foreigners' Tribunal in Assam, and then by the Gauhati High Court. Despite hailing from a family whose members have lived in Assam for generations, and furnishing all documents, she has had to run from pillar to post to prove that she is an Indian citizen. A Bench of Justices K.V. Viswanathan and N. Kotiswar Singh ordered the Union government not to take any coercive steps against Ms. Bibi, till the next hearing in August. In the case of Rakshanda Rashid, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh ordered the Union Home Secretary to repatriate the 63-year-old housewife to India. She was deported to Pakistan following the crackdown against Pakistani nationals after the Pahalgam terror attack in April. Ms. Rashid, a Pakistani national, had been staying in Jammu for the past 38 years with her husband and two children, and had a long-term visa. Her application for citizenship in 1996 is yet to be processed.

In his order, High Court judge Rahul Bharti said human rights are the most sacrosanct component of a human life and that there are times when a court has to respond "SOS like" without going into the merits and demerits of a case, which can be decided on in due course of time. The lawyers for Ms. Bibi referred to *Md. Rahim Ali @ Abdur Rahim vs The State Of Assam* in 2024 in which the Supreme Court touched on the manner in which people in Assam were being randomly suspected as foreigners without any cogent evidence. "...[I]t is well settled that suspicion, however high it may be, can under no circumstances, be held to be a substitute for legal evidence," it said, laying down the due process to be followed when an individual is declared a foreigner. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2019, by offering citizenship to six non-Muslim communities in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, adopted a narrow and arbitrary view of "religious persecution". The innate violence in the rhetoric of senior Bharatiya Janata Party Chief Ministers such as Yogi Adityanath and Himanta Biswa Sarma against minorities has heightened the anxiety felt by the marginalised, poor, sometimes undocumented, communities. Governments must uphold human rights and dignity of the individual, as provided for under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and not have to be nudged by courts.

A lofty concept, a Governor and unwanted controversy

A picture of 'Bharat Mata' (Mother India) has triggered a confrontation between the Governor of Kerala and the State government. At a recent function, the Governor had placed a painting of Bharat Mata in the form of a female figure clad in a saffron colour sari with a spear in one hand and standing with a lion behind her against a backdrop of the map of India. The painting had been placed in a room where official functions are held at Raj Bhavan. A tall brass lamp was placed before this garlanded picture. Before any official function begins, the Governor bows before it, offers flowers and lights the lamp. The Chief Minister and other Ministers had raised objections on the grounds that this picture of Bharat Mata is not recognised by the Constitution or any law unlike the national anthem of India or the national flag or other national symbols. Therefore, the government seems to have taken a position that it will not participate in any official function organised by the Governor where this picture is displayed.

The slogan, '*Bharat Mata ki Jai*', was the emotional cry of freedom fighters which would electrify the minds of people who were fighting for freedom from colonial rule. And, they used to raise this slogan at the highest pitch when they were subject to lathi blows. Thus, Bharat Mata is one that deeply resonated with the countless millions during India's freedom struggle.

But the question in this issue in Kerala is not whether we should pay obeisance to this image of Bharat Mata. There is no doubt that Indians have a deep and emotional bond with the concept of Bharat Mata. However, in the Kerala episode, the issue is that the Governor has and uses a picture of what is claimed to be Bharat Mata at the venue where official functions organised by the government are held and offers floral tributes to it as a part of the official function.

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There is a deep and emotional bond with the concept of Bharat Mata, but all constitutional authorities are bound by the framework of the Constitution

The conduct of the Governor

Since no picture of Bharat Mata in any form has been recognised by either the Constitution or any law or adopted like the national anthem, the national flag, the national emblem or even the national symbols, such a picture cannot be a part of any official function organised by the government. It may be noted here that this picture of Bharat Mata is used only by the Rashtraiya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Bharatiya Janata Party in their functions. The Governor, being the constitutional head of the state, is expected to conduct himself in accordance with the Constitution. The Governor cannot take independent decisions in the performance of his duties and functions but can act only in accordance with the advice of the elected government. So, if the government decides that such pictures should not be placed at the venue of official meetings organised by the government, the Governor is required to go by that decision.

The personification of Bharat Mata as a mother figure was first done by renowned Bengali novelist, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, in his late 19th century work, *Anandamath*. But the mother symbol he created was Banga Mata (Mother of Bengal) – and not Bharat Mata – and it became the powerful symbol of Bengali nationalism.

But it was Abanindranath Tagore, the nephew of Rabindranath Tagore who first did a painting of the Banga Mata in 1905. This depiction, with four arms, in some ways resembled a Hindu goddess. It was sister Nivedita, a prominent disciple of Swami Vivekananda, who popularised this painting as Bharat Mata. Later, '*Bharat Mata ki Jai*' became the most powerful slogan of the national freedom movement but without any visual representation. The national movement never adopted any picture of the Bharat Mata.

A lofty concept

No one has defined the concept of Bharat Mata as brilliantly as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He explains it in his inimitable style in his *Discovery of India*: "...sometimes as I reached a gathering a great roar of welcome would greet me: Bharat Mata ki Jai-Victory to Mother India. I would ask them unexpectedly what they meant by that cry, who was this Bharat Mata, whose victory they wanted..... The mountains and the rivers of India and the forest and the broad fields which gave us food were all dear to us, but what counted ultimately were the people of India, people like them and me who were spread out all over this vast land. Bharat Mata, Mother India, was essentially these millions of people and victory to her meant victory to these people."

It is rather unfortunate that this lofty concept of Bharat Mata has triggered an unseemly controversy involving the Governor of Kerala. Obviously the picture of a female figure in a saffron sari, with a spear in hand and a lion behind her, cannot be a symbol of Bharat Mata. The display of such a picture is a throwback to 19th century nationalism which has no relevance in modern times. Indian nationalism under Gandhi had a strong secular core and was inclusive. Anthropomorphisation of a country is an outdated idea. The diversities, the divisions of Indian society, multiple religions, races, and different levels of cultural developments cannot be represented by such a figure.

Governor versus the government

The country has witnessed too many unseemly fights between Governors and State governments. The Supreme Court of India has intervened in some cases and tried to set things right. Nevertheless the Governor-government spats continue to occur. The Constitution and the interpretations thereon by the Supreme Court have clearly laid down the limits of a Governor's powers and functions. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar had said emphatically in the Constituent Assembly, "the governor under the constitution has no functions which he can discharge by himself, no functions at all."

The Raj Bhavan Kerala controversy, deliberate or otherwise, was absolutely unnecessary. It sours the relationship between the Governor and the elected government. In official functions, symbols or logos or other visual representations used by private organisations cannot be used. Raj Bhavan does not merely consist of the private chambers of the Governor. There are rooms and halls where government functions are held such as a swearing-in ceremony as it is done in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The Governor is bound by the advice of the government on, for example, the placing of photographs, portraits in such places and also of performing various actions in an official function such as the lighting of the lamp as in protocol approved by the government. The Governor, for example, cannot order that the picture of Bharat Mata should be placed in all government offices. It is a decision only the government can take. All constitutional authorities are bound by the disciplines of the Constitution. The government has the constitutional right to advise the Governor not to place the picture of Bharat Mata at venues used to conduct official meetings on the ground that such a picture has not been recognised by the Constitution or statutes.

The 'Axis of Upheaval' in the West Asia conflict

As the war between Israel and Iran has resulted in a ceasefire after being layered with America's bombing of Iran's nuclear sites, the narrative of the world being divided into power blocs like those during the Cold War era stands punctured. With Iran having suffered a political and military decapitation of leadership and capacity alike, its main partners, China and Russia, have maintained a distance. Before the conflict, Iran had been central to the narrative of the global order's perceived fracturing between palatable West-led alliances against a Moscow- and Beijing-knitted axis, dubbed as the 'Axis of Upheaval' by American scholars Richard Fontaine and Andrea Kendall-Taylor.

In Russia's war against Ukraine, Iranian drone technologies have played a critical role, while Moscow and Tehran, despite certain regional differences, once joined hands to stabilise the government of the now ousted Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad. Meanwhile, as sanctions have gnawed at Iran's economic depth over the years, China has gained much by continuing to buy cheap oil from the country. This has been helpful to Beijing in powering its stagnating growth while giving Tehran much needed cash inflows in a polity and society that is starved of steady financial streams.

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The narrative of the world being divided into power blocs like those during the Cold War era has been punctured

No treaties

However, all this balancing has strategic limitations as well. The axes, at best, are a narrative construct. There are no treaties that bind these states into military blocs, where charters can be mobilised to push the others to join a war if a partner country is attacked. The underpinnings of these partnerships nonetheless go deeper, spilling over into a reconstruction of institutions, currencies, multilateralism and how the world operates today. They want de-dollarisation, alternatives to western payments gateways such as SWIFT, and a strengthening of organisations such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as well as fundamental anti-West ecosystems. But there is no military treaty to anchor all these, which marks a critical gap in taking on western influence which is pinned using both treaties and understandings.

Russia and China, nonetheless, have made statements in favour of Iran as a way of support. Moscow has criticised those backing Israel's actions, including the ambiguity of positions taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency and attempts to manipulate international non-proliferation regimes. Russia's President Vladimir Putin in a telephone call offered mediation, which was sidelined by United States President Donald Trump. The noticeable part was this: it was not that Mr. Putin wanted to mediate, but political and diplomatic support may be the only thing Russia may be able to offer Iran at this stage.

Tehran has comprehensive strategic partnerships that it signed with Mr. Putin (2025) and China's President Xi Jinping (2021), which are almost exclusively economic in nature. While aligning with Iran as part of an axis in the long term makes sense if one considers the country's vast energy reserves (many of which remain untapped due to technology-led roadblocks aided by international sanctions), the fact is that neither Russia nor China have the intent or the bandwidth to come to Tehran's aid in a military sense even though the suitability of the current political system under Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is critical to their own individual interests.

Where Russia stands

For Moscow, its war against Ukraine has tied down most of its political and military capabilities. The other opaque member of the axis, North Korea, is already providing soldiers to Russia to arrest its depleting military depth. This denies it any capabilities to tactically help Tehran. Previously, with its bases and assets in Syria, providing some air power assistance could have been possible, at least theoretically. However, with the fall of the Assad regime, which has now been replaced by former al-Qaeda leader Ahmed Al Sharaa – ironically, he is prioritising relations with the West pushed by Arab partners – Moscow has lost the only military footing it had in West Asia.

China too has come out in support of Iran. While its Foreign Minister Wang Yi in a call with his Israeli counterpart highlighted how Israeli strikes were violating international law, a readout after a call between Mr. Xi and Mr. Putin interestingly demanded that the U.S. (without referencing it directly) orchestrate a de-escalation. While both Russia and China are worried about the wider implications of this conflict, it benefits their strategic postures in many ways. With the U.S. now having joined Israel in attacking Iran, a decision Mr. Trump took while keeping even his closest advisers in the dark, it would bog the White House down once again in West Asia, potentially relocating critical military assets away from the Indo-Pacific and from Ukraine. This would free-up space in both Beijing and Moscow's immediate geographies of interest while also potentially sowing self-inflicted discord within the Trump administration. For now, a brittle U.S.-backed ceasefire is holding Tehran and Tel Aviv at bay.

The outlook

For Iran, the news on any of the axes front is not good. While Russia and China may prioritise their own positions, the proverbial 'Axis of Resistance' made up of Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Houthis among others is down for the count as Iran's first line of defence and offence in the region. Finally, the future of Iran, irrespective of what kind of political reality prevails, even in a moderate system, may be shaped by the point that only nuclear power can hereon guarantee sovereignty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feeble voices

The whole world has been left feeling helpless, unable to put an end to the theatrics of the superpowers that are escalating strife. Absurdity and megalomania are evident in the rhetoric of some world leaders. There seems to be no room at all for values, grace, magnanimity, humility, amity, credibility, humanity and morality. Sane voices should unite to stop war-hungry powers.

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Midnight knock, lessons

The midnight of June 25, 1975, etched a dark shadow across Indian democracy as Emergency was declared by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi — a response to the Allahabad High Court verdict by Justice Jagmohanlal Sinha that set the dominoes in motion. His unflinching verdict, invalidating Mrs Gandhi's election, was a rare moment of judicial spine. Raj Narain, the maverick challenger, may have lost the poll but he won a nation's conscience. The Emergency that followed, with the press muzzled, civil liberties curtailed, and dissent locked behind bars, was also shaped by the quiet enablers such as R.K. Dhawan and a compliant bureaucracy. Yet, there shone bright lights such as Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, whose jurisprudence preserved constitutional sanity. While the present political class debates and appropriates this legacy, it is imperative that we treat June 25 as a civic reminder: democracy is never a finished product. It must be guarded each day.

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Shrinking place for English

I am on the same page with the Kerala Chief Minister and his comment about this great Indian nation with parliamentary democracy and diversity ("CM takes a dig at Amit Shah for language comment", June 25). Does Home Minister Shah not understand the vast diversity of citizens who speak different languages including English and follow different customs and beliefs? His comment that English-speaking citizens will feel "ashamed" soon is inappropriate. This 'mindset' seems to have crept into the welfare schemes of the Government of India. As a senior citizen, I personally experienced this when I received a call from the number +911205138033 purportedly in response to my dialling a toll free number 1800110770, as a missed call. The caller, who I understand represented the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, was speaking too fast, in a low voice and in Hindi, making it difficult for me to comprehend anything. I requested her to talk to me, preferably in English. After a pause and silence, the line was disconnected. No courtesy was shown to my request nor anything conveyed about the scheme. It left me disturbed. Has English been banned in the national discourse in the Government of India's schemes? Will citizens who speak English be made to forgo or be deprived of government health schemes?

Jacob Cherian,
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'Epochal triumph'

June 25, 1983 is etched in the memory of every Indian cricket fan ('Sport' page, June 25). It was an extraordinary win that changed Indian cricket. When one talks about the historic win, it connects with the unforgettable image of a beaming Kapil Dev holding aloft the trophy from the balcony of Lord's.

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Enabling voting rights for migrants

Bihar, a State with one of the largest out-migration populations in India, is going to the polls later this year. This time, again a significant proportion of the State's population will be unable to exercise their franchise.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, voter turnout in Bihar was 56%, significantly lower than the national average of 66%. Since more than half the households in Bihar are exposed to migration in some form, a likely factor to have significantly influenced low voter turnout was the large migrant population, which was unable to return home to vote.

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Patterns of migration

In 2021, the overall migration rate in India was 28.9%. A significant portion of migration in India is for marriage, especially among women. Around 10%, however, migrate for work. This number is significantly higher in certain northern and eastern States such as Bihar. With an ever-increasing number of migrants travelling from poorer to richer areas in search of employment, the number of those effectively disenfranchised will only increase, unless mechanisms are put in place to facilitate voting by migrants. In an attempt to solve the issue, public discussions have been held. The Election Commission of India (ECI) put forth a concrete proposal in 2024. But no single mechanism for voting for migrants has been implemented.

Different kinds of policies and mechanisms are needed to enable voting for different kinds of migrants (intra and inter-State migrants). Intra-State migrants (around 85% of migrants) working in the informal sector could be encouraged to travel relatively shorter distances to vote in their original place of residence. However, they would need a measure of support from the government. Stricter enforcement of the statutory holiday on polling day would ensure that these workers are able to travel to vote without loss of wages. Special bus services could also be scheduled on the eve of and on polling day.

Different mechanisms

Inter-State migrants working in the informal sector are a large, growing and vulnerable population and need a different set of voting mechanisms. Three possibilities can be explored for this section. The first is an option designed to cater to the large population of migrants in irregular and low-paying jobs, such as in the construction sector. Workers in these jobs may not have permanent residences with address proofs. In 2023, the ECI showcased a pilot project of remote electronic voting machines (RVMs). Each of these was an EVM modified to cater to up to 72 constituencies. Political parties objected to this project. They said there was ambiguity over its functioning. They also cited issues such as problems in identification of migrants and the Code of Conduct being in place in the constituency where the migrant was residing. The project also appeared to be administratively difficult to implement at scale: when a large State with a large out-migration population goes to the polls, migrants from the State who currently reside across the country would be required to notify the ECI months in advance so that the ECI can make the necessary arrangements on polling day. If the ECI finds that in a given city, there are migrants from all 243 constituencies of Bihar, it would need to set up at least four RVMs across the city. The administrative difficulties would only be compounded during the Lok Sabha elections. As complex and challenging as the RVM proposal seems, it was the first major attempt by the ECI to facilitate voting for migrants. With more consultation and fine-tuning, this system could benefit many.

Another option is postal ballots. This system is already being implemented by the ECI for members of the armed forces. An extension of this model could help many migrants. Here, too, the ECI would require migrants to register with the body well in advance, so the postal ballots can be issued. Operationally, this appears to be the easier form of remote voting to implement. However, the ECI would have to organise registration, issue ballot papers, and despatch these ballots to counting centres after voting – all major administrative efforts.

The last option – switching voting constituencies – is suitable for the longer term for more permanent migrants who can prove their residence in a constituency for at least six months. The argument here is that longer-term migrants of an area would likely be more concerned about the politics and policies of their current place of residence. The ECI should also take extra effort to enrol longer-term migrants of the informal sector in their current place of residence. This will empower them to pressure governments to implement more migrant-friendly policies. While this move may face significant opposition from longer-term residents of the area, it would empower one of the most vulnerable sections of the population.

Separately, as a significant number of migrant populations across the country are women who migrate after marriage, voting drives could also be carried out to enrol these women on the voter lists of their new place of residence.

A mixed approach

Each of these options has its advantages and disadvantages. Enabling voting by migrants is a complex task and is made more complex by the heterogeneity of migrants. Therefore, an approach that uses all these options will enable a significant share of both inter- and intra-State salaried and casual migrants to exercise their right to vote.

An approach that combines several options will enable a significant share of inter- and intra-State migrants to exercise their right to vote

Trouble from within

The Congress's own legislators are now alleging corruption in Karnataka

STATE OF PLAY

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During its campaign for the 2023 Assembly elections in Karnataka, the Congress focused on the alleged corruption of the previous Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government and on claims that contractors had to shell out a "40% commission" for all government works. This catapulted the party to power.

Two years later, ironically, the Siddaramaiah-led Congress regime is facing the same stigma of corruption. The party is struggling to fend off charges not from contractors but its own party legislators, much to the glee of the two Opposition parties – the BJP and Janata Dal (Secular).

An audio clip, allegedly featuring a conversation between B.R. Patil, a senior Congress MLA and State Planning Commission Deputy Chairman, and Sarfaraz Khan, a close associate of the Housing Minister, B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, has put the Congress government on the back foot.

In the clip, Mr. Patil is heard alleging that houses were allotted under the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd. in exchange for bribes, which had embarrassed the Chief Minister. Mr. Siddaramaiah is himself facing allegations of corruption in connection with the illegal allotment of 14 sites (now surrendered) by the Mysore Urban Development Authority to his wife Parvathi. The Congress had to earlier deal with a scam in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, which led to the resignation of Minister B. Nagendra.

As loyalists of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appear to have taken a break from dissident activities, which included the demand that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar be removed from the multiple posts he holds, it seems to be the turn of senior party legislators to voice discontent over the alleged corruption and administrative inaction.

Even before the Opposition could intensify its call for the resignation of Mr. Zameer Ahmed Khan, who is one of the Chief Minister's key loyalists, Congress MLAs Raju Kage and Belur Gopalkrishna expressed outrage over the alleged corruption in the allotment of houses to eligible beneficiaries, and sought the Minister's resignation. Mr. Kage said that the State administration had collapsed.

The alleged housing scam has provided more fodder to the BJP and JD(S). The Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, R. Ashok, accused the government of collecting ₹25 crore from each Minister for meeting the party's expenses in the upcoming elections in Bihar. JD(S) leader and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy claimed that whenever a legislator wishes to implement a scheme in their constituency, they have to make a "payment".

Similar complaints had emerged earlier. Yelburga MLA and the Chief Minister's Economic Adviser, Basavaraj Rayareddy, had claimed that Karnataka is "number one in corruption". Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda had candidly acknowledged helplessness in curbing corruption at the lower levels in his department.

Raids by officials of the Karnataka Lokayukta across the State have added heft to the corruption charges. Recently, Home Minister G. Parameshwara and former MP D.K. Suresh, who is Mr. Shivakumar's brother, came under the scanner of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). While ED sleuths raided institutions linked to Mr. Parameshwara in connection with actor Ranya Rao's gold smuggling case, they questioned Mr. Suresh in a money laundering case against city-based businesswoman Aishwarya Gowda.

Unlike his first term (2013-18), Mr. Siddaramaiah has apparently been denied a free hand to take decisions. Several factors are affecting the quality of governance and feeding the alleged corruption – the inept handling of administrative duties owing to factionalism within the party, the existence of multiple centres of power (Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and the party high command), and the compulsions of implementing the Congress's five guarantees.

Already under fire from the Opposition for "halting" developmental work, the government is now facing growing criticism from its ranks for denying funds. Public cynicism that corruption has become "normal" in State politics, irrespective of the party in power, is also growing. If deep-rooted corruption goes unchecked, it will retard the growth of the State and cause more suffering among socially and economically disadvantaged communities.

State- and sex-wise liver disease data hint at underlying factors

The stark difference in liver disease prevalence between the sexes and in the north-east requires examination

DATA POINT

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Deaths due to liver diseases have been rising steadily in India. While this trend has been evident for some time, three patterns – across sex, age, and States – may offer some clues as to why. Diseases of the digestive system, with liver diseases accounting for a substantial share, was the eighth leading cause of death in 2022. It had not ranked among the leading causes of death in any of the previous five years.

Chart 1 shows the sex-wise number of certified deaths due to 'diseases of digestive system' between 2012 and 2022. (It is important to note that the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death uses the term 'sex'.) The number of men dying from digestive diseases was consistently more than three times higher than that of women. In fact, the number of male deaths rose more sharply. In 2022, the number of men who died from the disease was 3.5 times that of women – the highest ratio since 2016.

A large proportion of deaths from digestive diseases are due to liver-related problems. **Chart 2** shows liver disease's share among all digestive diseases. In 2022, 75% of men who died of digestive diseases had liver disease, compared to 57.5% of women. Other causes, which make up only a small share, include pancreatic disorders, peritonitis, and ulcers.

The chart also highlights a clear sex gap. Among women who died from digestive diseases, the proportion attributed to liver problems ranged from 52% to 57% between 2012 and 2022. In contrast, for men, liver diseases accounted for a much higher share of digestive disease deaths, consistently ranging from 70% to 75%.

Chart 3 shows the same information as in Chart 1, but only for deaths due to 'liver diseases'. A stark sex gap is seen here as well.

Chart 4 shows the age-wise distribution of deaths due to digestive diseases across sexes in 2022. Among women, the burden of digestive disease deaths increased significantly with age: over 30% of female deaths occurred in the 65+ age group, suggesting that age-related liver complications could be a key factor. In contrast, among men, the highest share of deaths occurred in the 45-54 age group, followed closely by those aged 35-44. This indicates that men were dying from digestive diseases predominantly in their middle age.

Map 5 shows the proportion of deaths caused by digestive diseases out of all medically certified deaths within each State in 2022. For instance, in Sikkim, nearly 20% of certified deaths were due to digestive diseases, the highest among all the States. Notably, the north-eastern States stand out: in five of them, over 10% of certified deaths were attributed to digestive diseases. No other State recorded a double-digit share.

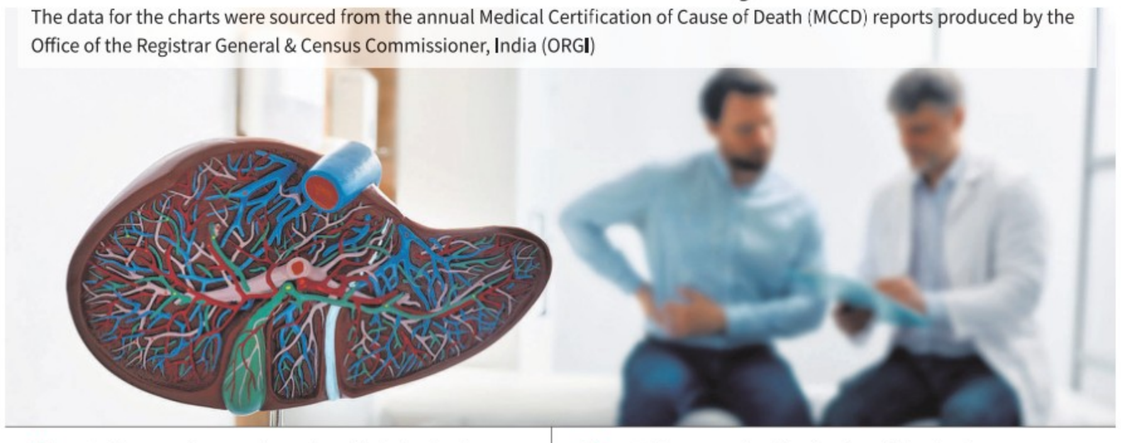
Research shows that alcohol consumption is strongly linked to a higher risk of liver disease. In India, only about 1% of women consume alcohol, compared to 19% of men. Read together with data from Charts 3 and 4, it may be worth investigating whether alcohol use among middle-aged men is contributing to the higher number of liver-related deaths.

Studies have also shown that excessive meat consumption is associated with a higher risk of liver disease. Data from the National Family Health Survey shows that the combined prevalence of meat consumption and alcohol use is highest in the north-east. This overlap could explain the elevated burden of liver disease in the region.

Given the patterns observed, it is important to further investigate the links between meat and alcohol consumption and liver disease. The data presented here shows correlation, not causation. More research is needed to establish any direct relationships.

Liver disease burden: an analysis

The data for the charts were sourced from the annual Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) reports produced by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India (ORGI)



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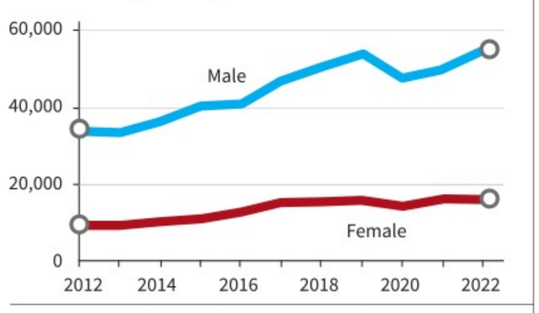

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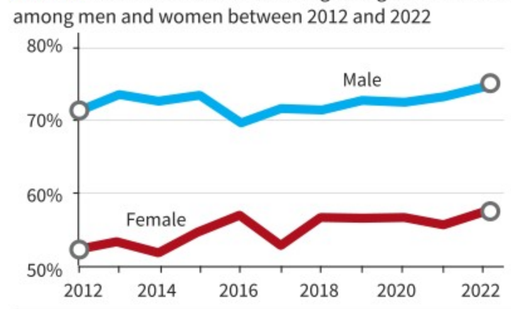

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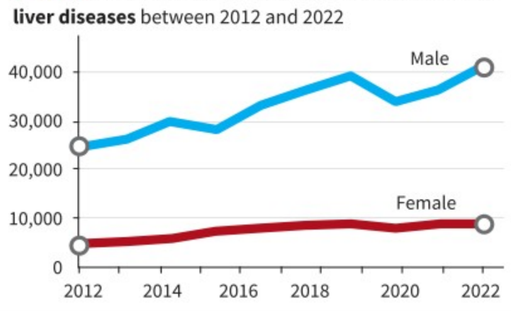
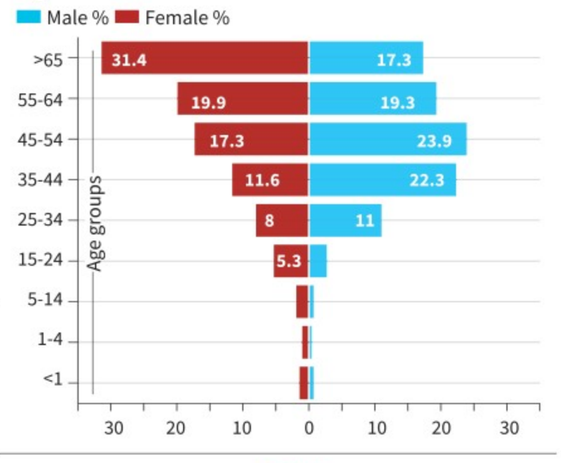
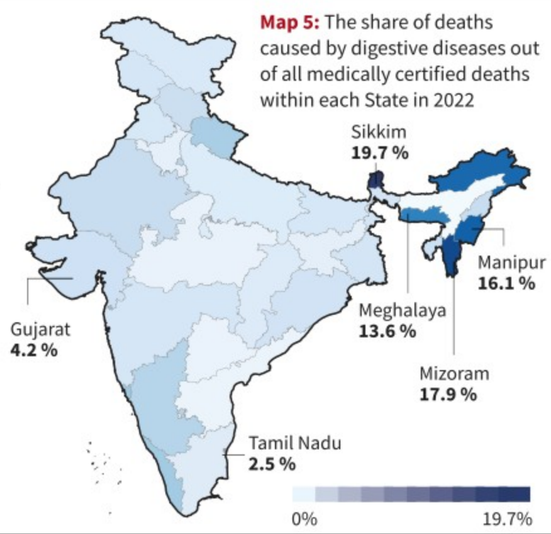


Chart 4: The age-wise distribution of deaths due to digestive diseases across sexes in 2022



Map 5: The share of deaths caused by digestive diseases out of all medically certified deaths within each State in 2022



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FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 26, 1975

Israel faces UN suspension

United Nations, June 25: Arab delegates have said that Israel would risk suspension from the United Nations in next fall's General Assembly if it refused to withdraw from occupied Arab territories and recognise Palestinian rights as U.N. resolutions demand.

U.S. diplomats have called for the United States to warn that it will withhold its U.N. dues if Israel is suspended and withdraw from the United Nations if Israel is expelled.

Arabs at a luncheon given by the Arab League UN Observer, Ambassador Amin Hilmy II of Egypt, answered newsmen's questions on prospects of a non-aligned move against Israel.

Algerian Ambassador Abdel Latif Babal, chairman of the U.N. non-aligned group, said his group had not yet come to a decision. (According to UPI a decision on such a move would not be made before an August meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the non-aligned countries in Peru. A meeting of the non-aligned group's steering committee in Havana earlier this year decided to refer the issue to the Lima, Peru meeting).

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 26, 1925

Disease incidence in India

At the Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute held at Brighton, London, Sir Leonard Rogers gave a paper on disease incidence and climate in India, which drew deductions from Indian data of great importance in connection with the serious increase in the percentage of unvaccinated children in Great Britain.

Sir Leonard Rogers said, as reported by "The Englishman" correspondent, that the well marked dry cold, dry hot and hot moist, rainy seasons in India, and the great variations in the rainfall in different areas, together with the carefully recorded vital statistics for several decades, furnished an ideal field for studying the influence of climatic conditions on disease incidence. He had shown in previous publications a very close relationship between high rainfall and high leprosy incidence, and vice versa, all over India, and also between humid monsoon winds and high orthosis rates which he illustrated by maps. He also demonstrated in a similar manner the closest relationship between low minimum temperatures, low humidity, and great diurnal variations of temperature during the cold season in the North.

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In historic leap, Indian astronaut heads to ISS

Upon docking, Group Captain Shukla will become the first Indian astronaut aboard the ISS, after having become the first Indian to reach space in 41 years. Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian to go to space when he did so in 1984 aboard the Soyuz spacecraft of the erstwhile Soviet Union. "*Namaskar* my dear countrymen. What a ride. After 41 years we have once again reached space and it was an amazing ride. On my shoulders I have my Tricolour, which is telling me that I am not alone and that you are all with me," Group Captain Shukla said after the launch on Wednesday.

The Falcon 9 rocket carrying the astronauts in a SpaceX Dragon crew capsule lifted off from Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center at 12.01 p.m. on Wednesday. Around 10 minutes after lift-off, the Dragon capsule separated from the second stage of the rocket and its nose-cone open sequence began.

The 31 countries with representation in the Ax-4 mission include the U.S., India, Poland, Hungary, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Nigeria, the UAE, and nations across Europe.

ISRO has included seven microgravity research experiments proposed by Indian investigators from various national R&D laboratories and academic institutions. Group Captain Shukla will be performing them during his stay on the ISS. ISRO and NASA will be participating in five joint science investigations and two in-orbit STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) demonstrations.

The crew had been in quarantine since May 25 as the launch originally targeted on May 29. However it was deferred multiple times due to various reasons ranging from observation in electrical harness in Crew Dragon Module, delay in preparedness of the Falcon 9 vehicle, unfavourable weather, liquid oxygen leak on Falcon 9 and a snag in the Zvezda service module aboard the ISS.

GST Council to discuss reducing items

The GST Council meeting was initially supposed to be held in June, there has been some back-and-forth between members of the Council over the location of the meeting, leading to delays. It will now likely be held in July 2025, which will be more than six months after the last meeting, which was held in December 2024 in Jaisalmer.

Doing away with the 12% rate would reduce the number of tax rates under GST to 0%, 5%, 18%, and 28%, not counting the specialised rates of 0.25% on diamonds and 3% on gold and silver, or the additional compensation cess on items in the 28% slab.

Service intermediaries

The Hindu has also learnt that the other major item on the agenda of the GST Council would be the taxation of service intermediaries. Currently, service intermediaries are taxed at 18% even when they provide services to companies abroad. This is likely to be removed. "It is improbable that the GST Council will completely abolish the 12% tax slab," Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner at EY India, explained. "Instead, they are likely to gradually reduce the number of items in this category by shifting them to the 5% slab. Some items currently taxed at 18% may be moved to the 12% slab."

This adjustment would reflect a change in consumer behaviour, he said, since rising per capita income meant that many products that were once considered discretionary, such as toothpaste and soap, have become everyday necessities.

However, other tax experts say that moving items from the 12% slab to 5% might not always be a good thing for the manufacturers. At 12%, they are eligible for input tax credit, which will likely be revoked if they are moved to 5%. This means the manufacturers would not get credit for the tax they pay on inputs.

Pilgrims visit Mount Kailash, Mansarovar after six-year wait

First people-to-people mechanism restored between India and China after pandemic and LAC stand-off; 'the grand organisation for this cultural exchange is an important consensus' between leaders of both countries, says Tibetan official

Suhasini Haidar
PULAN (NEAR MOUNT KAILASH)

Six years after the last Kailash Mansarovar yatra (pilgrimage) was held, a group of 36 Indian pilgrims conducted the arduous trek around the 18,000-feet-high Mount Kailash and took in the waters at the Mansarovar lake.

The yatra at one of Hinduism's most holy sites is the first of the people-to-people mechanisms between India and China that is being restored after the COVID-19 pandemic and Line of Actual Control (LAC) military stand-off which was decided when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met at Kazan last year.

It is expected to be followed by other mechanisms, including the restoration of direct flights, opening of visas and tourism routes, as well as resolving economic and business-related issues.

The pilgrims arrived even as National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited China for Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meetings.

The first batch included pilgrims aged 18 to 69, the group's organising leaders told a group of Indian journalists at the Zhunzhu Pu hostel, where they will stay for a few nights as they complete their *parikramas* (circling the mountain and lake).

Each group includes a doctor, and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), which is the nodal agency for the yatra, has also coordinated with the Chinese government to allow Indian cooks to travel ahead of the group and set up tents to provide them with food they are more familiar with.

"We are so happy that this yatra has been restarted," said Shailendra Sharma, coordinator of the group.

When asked, Suman Lata, newly retired as a schoolteacher, said while crossing over, the group had not felt any of the tensions between India and China that have dominated bilateral ties over the past few years, after the Galwan clashes, and stand-off between the Indian Army and the PLA at points like Demchok, only about 250 km east of Pulan (also called Burang).

Long journey: The first batch of pilgrims on the way to Mount Kailash on Wednesday. SUHASINI HAIDAR

"We have no truck with politics, I can only say that the Indian government sent us off very well and the Chinese government has received us extremely well too," she told reporters.

The group is one of 15 groups that are coming through the Nathu La pass in Sikkim and Lipulekh Pass with about 750 originally chosen, traversing more than 3,000 km from Gangtok and back between June 15 and July 2.

Others will follow the same path or come via Lipulekh Pass from Uttarakhand, a slightly more difficult and longer trek to the strategically located peak close to the trijunction of India, Nepal and China.

Survey of facilities

In the run-up to the yatra, local officials said they conducted a thorough survey of facilities that would be used. While several non-resident Indians (NRIs) have been able to conduct the pilgrimage using private travel agencies over the last few years, their numbers have been lower.

"The grand organisation for this cross-Himalayan cultural exchange is an important consensus between the leaders of India and China," Wen Tao, Deputy Commissioner of Ali Prefecture, who came to greet the first batch and oversaw arrangements, said. He added that Chinese officials had worked on improving the efficiency of the immigration checkpoint at Nathu La with biometrics, providing multilingual interpreters at different stages, oxygen facilities and special prayer areas at the sites.

Recovering from the day's trek of more than 19 km, that took them to a height of 5,590 metres via Dolma Point, Pranav Gupta from Jammu said: "It is faith not fitness that really gets us through each day of this trek."

Used trade deal threat to get ceasefire, says Trump

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump has once again claimed that he got India and Pakistan to agree to a ceasefire in May using trade deals with the U.S. as leverage. India has consistently pushed back against Mr. Trump's claim.

In The Hague for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit, Mr. Trump, during a press conference, mentioned India and Pakistan as part of a set of conflicts he claimed he settled.

"But maybe the most important of all, India and Pakistan, and that wasn't whether or not they may someday have nukes ... like we're talking about with Israel and Iran ... they have nuclear weapons," Mr. Trump said.

"I ended that with a series of phone calls on trade," Mr. Trump said, adding that the fighting was getting very bad.

"If you're going to go fighting each other, we're not doing any trade deal," Mr. Trump said, adding that the Indian and Pakistani sides said to him, "No, no, no, you have to do a trade deal."

CBSE Class 10 students to get option of two exams

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

In a bid to reduce the stress of Board exams, Class 10 students will be given the option of taking their exams twice from the academic year 2026-27, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said on Wednesday. This option to improve performance in up to three academic subjects will only be provided to students who pass the first examination, officials said.

The CBSE's decision is in line with the 2020 National Education Policy (NEP) recommendation to remove the "high stakes" aspect of Board exams by allowing all students to attempt the exams up to two times during any given school year if they wish to. One will be the main exam, and the other for improvement.

"While it is mandatory for students to appear in the first Board examination which will be conducted in mid-February, all students who pass the first Board examination and are eligible will be allowed to improve their performance in any three subjects," CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh said.

"The second exam is purely optional and additional in nature," he added. The better of the two scores will be considered in the final mark sheets of students who appear in both exams.

Almost 23.72 lakh students appeared for the CBSE's Class 10 Board exams in 2025, of which 93.66% passed.

'Much-needed'

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan welcomed the move with a post on X.

"Laudable and a much-needed step. This will reduce exam stress, provide more flexibility and foster joyful learning environment. A key recommendation of NEP 2020, twice-a-year exams is a student-centric approach and also aligns with global education practices," he said.

Officials explained that the results of the mandatory first examination will be declared in April. "The second exam (which will be the improvement exam) will be conducted in the month of May and its results will be declared in June. Students can choose to sit for the improvement exam in one, two or a maximum of three subjects, after reviewing their scores in the first exam," said Sanyam Bhardwaj, the CBSE's Controller of Examinations.

Officials added that if a student did not appear in three or more subjects in the first mandatory board exam, then she will not be allowed to appear in the second improvement examination.

The results of the first examination will be made available via Digilocker, and can be immediately used for admission to Class 11 if the student does not wish to appear in the second examinations for improvement.

MSMEs need an agile, secure ecosystem: Priyank Kharge

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) will be the growth engines of the country and sectors such as defence, space and civil aviation, which present huge opportunities, are the ones to watch out for, said Priyank Kharge, Karnataka's Rural Development and Information Technology Minister, while speaking at the MSME Growth Conclave 2025, organised by *The Hindu businessline* here on Wednesday.

Addressing a packed audience of MSME entrepreneurs here, Mr. Kharge said Karnataka was trying to make all projects water-secure and energy-secure, along with a focus on sustainability. "Everybody speaks about giving incentives and subsidies, but just those things will not work. I need to ensure we create an agile and secure ecosystem for you to thrive," he added.

He also said the State was trying to create affordable infrastructure and plug-and-play facilities for SMEs and MSMEs, especially in areas beyond Bengaluru. "We are creating infrastructure in Mysuru, Hubballi, Belagavi, and Kalaburgi, where we give you facilities at affordable rates so you can experiment, innovate and invent things that can be then commercialised," he told the entrepreneurs.

Global competition

Mr. Kharge highlighted that Karnataka's competition was no longer with neighbouring States – Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, or Maharashtra – but with global manufacturing hubs such as Vietnam and China.

In a chat with Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor of *businessline*, Srinivasagopalan Rangarajan, Chairman, and Managing Director, Data Patterns (India) said despite decades of reliance on imports, India's private defence tech sector was beginning to assert itself, with homegrown companies now building world-class systems from scratch.

Mr. Rangarajan emphasised that for MSMEs to succeed, they must focus on the core idea they start with and build deep expertise around it, rather than constantly shifting direction. "If it's not outstanding, you will be forgotten and remain just one of the other players," he cautioned. The panel discussion on defence manufacturing further explored this momentum. Lt. Col. Velan, CEO, Elena Geo Systems, added that India must move towards global standards at a par with the EU and the U.S.

Chemotherapy drugs made by Indian firms fail quality tests, shows study

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Ramu Sapkota

Vital chemotherapy drugs used around the world have failed quality tests, leaving cancer patients in more than 100 countries at risk of ineffective treatments and fatal side effects, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBIJ) can reveal.

The drugs in question form the backbone of treatment plans for numerous common cancers including breast and ovarian cancers and leukaemia. Over the past six years, they have been shipped to countries such as Nepal, Ethiopia, the U.S., the U.K., and Saudi Arabia.

The test findings come from a study by researchers at the University of Notre Dame in the U.S. who analysed 189 samples of various cancer drugs. About one-fifth failed.

The worst-performing drug in the study is made by Indian manufacturer Venus Remedies. All eight samples of the company's cyclophosphamide product failed.

Venus Remedies told TBIJ that the test results were "not scientifically plausible" given the company's "validated manufacturing systems and quality controls". It said it has received no complaints or concerns about the batches in question and shared the results of its own testing that indicated they were of a good standard.

The manufacturer said storage conditions in the supply chain – which can impact drug quality – might have affected the researchers' test results. However, the absence of similar quality issues across the entire data set suggests this is not the case.

Venus Remedies is one of three companies or regulators that queried the methodology used by the lab, saying it deviated from international standards or could give erroneous results. However, Maria Lieberman, who led the research, said her researchers' methods follow international standards as closely as possible and employ similar standards to a regulatory lab. Both the findings and methods have been scrutinised by independent academics.

Two other manufacturers whose products failed the testing, Zuvius Lifesciences and GLS Pharma, have supplied failed brands to over 40 countries. Of the 17 companies that manufactured failed drugs, 16 are based in India.

Marya Lieberman, the Notre Dame professor who led the research, at work in her lab. UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Some drugs contained so little of their key ingredient that pharmacists said giving them to patients would be like doing nothing.

Other drugs, containing too much active ingredient, put patients at risk of severe organ damage or even death. "Both scenarios are horrendous," said Shereen Nabhani-Gebara, vice-chair of the British Oncology Pharmacists Association.

Zuvius Lifesciences, GLS Pharma, and Zee Laboratories did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Doctors from multiple countries told TBIJ of the drugs in question not working as expected, leaving patients suddenly unresponsive to treatment. Other patients suffered side effects so toxic they could no longer tolerate the medicine.

The findings expose holes in the global safety nets intended to prevent profit-seeking manufacturers from cutting corners and to protect patients from bad drugs.

More than two in three countries around the world are reportedly unable to ensure the quality of medicines their populations are exposed to.

Nepal was one of the biggest importers of the failed chemotherapy brands in this investigation. The country's medicines regulator does not have the capacity to test cancer drugs. Although it can recall cancer drugs based on external evidence, it has never done so.

"Neither patients nor their families have any way of knowing the quality of these drugs," said Smriti Pokharel of the Wish Nepal Foundation. "No one seems willing to take responsibility for ensuring proper treatment for cancer patients."

Much of the global demand for cancer treatment is met by generic drugs – which the low-quality drugs found in this investigation were.

In India, the world's largest producer of generic drugs, questions have been raised over whether manufacturers are properly punished for producing such bad drugs.

"The Indian government's interest is in trying to protect the industry," said public health activist Dinesh Thakur.

India's drug regulator defended the oversight system, saying that failing drugs are recalled and manufacturers face "either administrative penalties or legal prosecution in court".

Thakur pointed to limitations in the World Health Organization's means of ensuring people across the world have access to safe effective drugs. The WHO did not respond to several requests for comment.

One cancer pharmacist in Ethiopia estimated that it could take over a year for a patient to save for cancer treatment. If that medicine then turns out to be faulty, they simply might not be able to afford to pay for another.

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Union Cabinet passes resolution to mark 50 years of Emergency

It vows to honour sacrifices of those who fought against suspension of democratic rights and Constitution; dark chapter in history, says PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> No Indian will ever forget the manner in which the spirit of the Constitution was violated during the Emergency... We also reiterate our commitment to strengthening the principles in our Constitution
>
> **NARENDRA MODI**
> Prime Minister

The Emergency is an event that will never be forgotten, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday on the 50th anniversary of its declaration by the Indira Gandhi government on June 25, 1975.

The Union Cabinet passed a resolution, vowing to commemorate and honour the sacrifices of those who fought against the suspension of democratic rights and the Constitution. The Cabinet observed a two-minute silence as a tribute to the victims of the Emergency.

Addressing presspersons after the meet, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said 2025 marked 50 years of *Samvidhan Hatya Divas* (Constitution murder day) as it is now being marked by the government.

"It is as important for the young as it is for the old to draw inspiration from those who resisted dictatorial tendencies and stood firm to defend our Constitution and its democratic fabric," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

In a series of posts on the social media platform X on Wednesday, Mr. Modi affirmed his government's commitment to strengthening Constitutional principles. No Indian would "ever forget the manner in which the spirit of the Constitution was violated during the Emergency", he said.

'Rights were suspended'

It was one of the darkest chapters in India's democratic history, he added. The values enshrined in the Constitution were set aside, fundamental rights suspended, press freedom extinguished, and a large number of political leaders, social workers, students, and ordinary citizens were jailed, he said.

"It was as if the Congress government in power at that time placed democracy under arrest," he said.

The poor, marginalised and downtrodden were particularly targeted, and their dignity insulted, the Prime Minister said. Saluting every person who stood firm in the fight against the Emergency, he said they were from all over India, all walks of life, and from diverse ideologies, working closely with each other with one aim – "to protect India's democratic fabric and to preserve the ideals for which freedom fighters devoted their lives".

India witnessing 'undeclared emergency' for the past 11 years: Congress hits back at BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has been witnessing an "undeclared emergency" for the past 11 years and the BJP has staged the drama of *Samvidhan Hatya Divas* (Constitution murder day) to hide its governance failures, the Congress said on Wednesday.

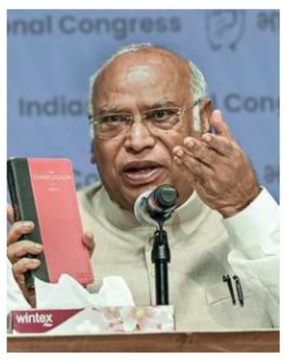
Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge made these remarks at a press conference held to counter the BJP and the Narendra Modi government's offensive against the Emergency imposed in 1975.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, party communications chief Jairam Ramesh, and publicity wing head Pawan Khera were present.

Hitting back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his jibes on the 50th anniversary of the declaration of Emergency, Mr. Kharge said "a government which has no tolerance and does not allow fraternity and liberty to prosper has no right to lecture others".

He said the BJP government had weakened every Constitutional authority and the Election Commission had become a "puppet of the government".

Targeting the BJP and the RSS, the Congress chief said those who "played no role in Independence of the country, in framing the Constitution, and rejected Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution" were talking of saving democracy.


Mallikarjun Kharge

He said RSS supporters had "burnt the Constitution at Ram Lila maidan as well as effigies of Dr. Ambedkar and Pandit [Jawaharlal] Nehru" since the Constitution did not have traditional elements of the *Manusmriti*. "You have brought in an undeclared emergency," he said.

Attacking Mr. Modi, Mr. Kharge said the Constitution was in danger because of him and his governance. "If there is any crisis today and any challenge to the Constitution, it is because of the BJP and the PM. Is there any freedom of expression," he asked, pointing out how Opposition voices are silenced and how anyone who speaks or writes anything against the government is jailed.

'Hiding its failures'

The Congress chief said the BJP remembered the Emergency only to hide its own failures as Indira Gandhi herself had supported Prime Minister Morarji Desai's government in overturning the Constitutional amendments that were made during the Emergency.

"These people failed in governance and their failure is such that people are concerned over inflation. The government has no answer to unemployment, corruption and economic failure. To hide their lies and failure, they have staged this drama," Mr. Kharge said.

Mr. Venugopal said the BJP was "doing drama because of our *Samvidhan Bachao Abhiyan* [Save the Constitution campaign]".

In a statement, Mr. Ramesh said Indian democracy had been under a "systematic and dangerous" five-fold assault that could be best described as "Undeclared Emergency@11".

Keep alive the memories of Emergency to keep dictatorship at bay: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Memories of the Emergency must be kept alive so that there can be no such imposition of dictatorial rule in the country again, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Wednesday.

He was speaking at the launch of *The Emergency Diaries: The Years That Forged A Leader*, a book recounting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's experiences during that period.

The book – put together by BlueKraft Digital, with a foreword by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda – is drawn from the Modi Archive, a digital and video compilation of first-person accounts of various people's interactions with Mr. Modi from his earliest days to his years as Prime Minister.

"Today, we are gathered here to remember a dark chapter in the history of post-Independence India. We must keep the memories of the Emergency alive so that it is never repeated, and so that the youth of the nation [grow up] cultured and organised," Mr. Shah said. Noting that Mr. Modi had been in his mid-twenties during the Emergency period, the Home Minister said the youth should read the book as part of fostering an understanding of how young people had resisted the suspension of democratic rights in India.

Home Minister Amit Shah at an Emergency anniversary event in Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"The book chronicles his experiences as a young activist during the Emergency, a period in which he was actively involved in the movement for 19 months. At that time, secret newspapers were published and Mr. Modi played a key role in distributing them in marketplaces, among students, and to women," Mr. Shah said.

"Prime Minister Modi worked underground disguised as a *sadhu*, a *sardarji*, a hippie, an incense stick seller, or a newspaper vendor," he said.

Among the many anecdotes recounted in the book is one by Harish Raval, a senior RSS pracharak in Gujarat, about an incident when Mr. Modi had saved himself from arrest through a quick response.

In 1978, after the Emergency was lifted, Mr. Modi penned a book in Gujarati on his experiences, titled *Sangharsh Ma Gujarat*.

Kharge takes a swipe at Tharoor, says PM comes first for some

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor's remarks praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an opinion piece published in *The Hindu* on June 23, sparked a fresh round of political sparring on Wednesday, with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge asserting that for his party, the nation took precedence over individuals.

"For our party, the country comes first, but for some others, Modi comes first and the country later," Mr. Kharge said at a press conference when asked about Mr. Tharoor's article.

Without naming Mr. Kharge, Mr. Tharoor responded on the social media platform X with a cryptic message. He posted an image of a bird, with the caption: "Don't ask permission to fly. The wings are yours. And the sky belongs to none."

Mr. Kharge made the comments during a press briefing convened to counter the Modi government's campaign marking the 50th anniversary of the 1975 Emergency. Responding to the reference in Mr. Tharoor's piece that the Prime Minister's "energy and dynamism [is] becoming a prime asset for India at the global stage", Mr. Kharge said, "I am not very proficient in English but his language is very good and that's why he is in the Congress Working Committee."

'Country first'

"I want to say one thing – the entire Opposition said that we are with our Army that is fighting the enemy. I said first in a press conference: country is foremost, we will work together. I said party later, country first. Some people say Modi first, country later," Mr. Kharge added.

The episode adds to a series of public divergences between Mr. Tharoor and his party leadership.

Will meet EC after getting rolls in digital format: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday doubled down on its demand for a "digital, machine-readable" copy of Maharashtra electoral rolls for the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in 2024 and the CCTV footage of polling day before its senior leadership met the Election Commission.

The party was responding to the invitation for an interaction sent by the poll body to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi following his allegations of "industrial scale" rigging in the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

The Congress's Empowered Action Group of Leaders and Experts (EAGLE) said in a letter to the poll body that this had been a long-standing request, and the party leadership "will be happy to meet with the EC soon after we have received these".

New platform helped with faster update of turnout trends: EC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The bypolls in four States held earlier this month saw the use of the new ECINET platform that helped in faster uploading of voter turnout trends and publishing of Index Cards within 72 hours of the declaration of election results by the Election Commission (EC).

Under the new system, most data fields in the Index Card are auto-filled using ECINET inputs. The publication of Index Cards used to take several days as the data was filled and verified manually by the officials, the poll body said in a statement.

Another achievement was uploading of the voter turnout trends directly by the presiding officers on ECINET against the earlier manual process. This enabled the quick sharing of information and increased transparency, it said.

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NCESS invites online applications from eligible Indian citizens for appointment to one post of Manager (Finance & Accounts) on deputation basis, in the Pay Level 11 of the 7th CPC Pay Matrix of Rs.67,700-2,08,700.
For more details visit NCESS website www.ncess.gov.in.
Sd/ Senior Manager

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
WBSEDCL
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
e-Tender-cum-e-Reverse Auction No. WBSEDCL/PT&P/e-NIT/03/2025 Date: 26.06.2025 is invited by the Chief Engineer (PT&P), WBSEDCL, Vidyut Bhavan, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091 for purchase of power on Short Term Basis for the period from 01.04.2026 to 30.06.2026 through Traders/Licensees/Bidders. Interested parties may download the tender documents from the website https://www.mstcecommerce.com directly with the help of Digital Signature Certificate from 11:00 hrs. of 26.06.2025 and submit the same on or before 17:00 hrs. of 02.07.2025. Details will be available on the Company's website: www.wbsedcl.in
For details, visit www.wbsedcl.in
ICA- 113138(3)/2025

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)
TGSPDCL intends to float tender for procurement of a) 11KV LV CTs of ratio 600-300/1-1-0.577A, 0.2S Class (b) LT TVR 200/5A 0.5S class accuracy DLMS & IRDA port Meters with Box (c) Van mounted cable fault locating test equipment upto 33KV along with diagnosis and safety standards (d) 11KV 125/5A CTPT sets of 0.2S class accuracy on e-procurement platform.
For further details of each item above, please visit www.tgsouthernpower.org, www.tender.telangana.gov.in.
Phone : 040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026
Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)
DIPR R.O.No.276-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:25.06.2025

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (Waste Water Management - West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G Road, Bangalore - 560 009.
BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-STP-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/538/2025-26
Date: 23.06.2025
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through KPP Portal) (2nd Call)
BWSSB invites tender in two cover tender system from eligible tenderers for the work of Improvement work of laying of tiles inside CCT, Dredging Pump, Total Coliform Analyzer and CMMS Software at 60 MLD Kengeri UWTP under JHA funds coming under AEE (WWM-STP) V.V-1 Sub Division.
Amount put to tender: Rs. 187.92 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 2.82 Lakhs.
Last date and time for reciept of tenders will be on 10.07.2025 upto 16:00 hrs. The bids will be opened on 11.07.2025 at 17:00 hrs. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
Sd/-
DIPR/CP/MIA/1467/2025-26 Chief Engineer (WWM-West)

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BALOTRA
Tel.-(02988-220043,220024) Email: mbbalotra@yahoo.co.in
Ref.No./2025/2137 Date :- 03-06-2025
Notice Inviting E-Tender 03/2025-26
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BALOTRA invites bid through online bidding for Procurement Of Service of Door TO Door Household Waste Collection, Segregation And Transportation Of Collected Household Waste Upto Secondary Collection Point Through Real Time Monitoring Using Geo-Fencing & RFID Based Monitoring System In All - Wards of MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BALOTRA through e-procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from eligible bidders. Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the RTPP act 2012 and RTPP rules 2013, amended up to date and under National Competitive Bidding with Single Stage bidding procedure with pre-qualification filter. Tender forms and Terms of Tender will be seen on website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and Also https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in via UBN No. DLB2526SLRC06448
ADMINISTRATOR Commissioner
Municipal Council Balotra Municipal Council Balotra
Raj.Samwad/C/25/4992

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Diffence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 092.
No.: BBMP/BD/EE/PR/T04/2025-26 Date:25.06.2025
CORRIGENDUM-1
Ref: Tender Notice No.: EE/BTP/BBMP/KPPP/04/2025-26 Dtd:10.06.2025, The dates of the referred tender have been rescheduled as follows due to technical reasons.
1) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 07.07.2025 at 3.00 p.m. 2) Last date for submission of tenders : 11.07.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 3) Opening of technical bids : 14.07.2025 at 11.00 a.m. (If possible). 4) Opening of Financial bids : 15.07.2025 at 11.00 a.m. (for Two Cover System).
All Other terms and conditions remains the same. Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or KPP Portal : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division.

नालको NALCO
National Aluminium Company Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Nalco Bhawan, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar - 751 013, Odisha
CIN : L27203OR1981GOI000920
A NAVRATNA COMPANY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
RFP No : NALCO/CORP/P&T/CONT/2025/041 Dated :19/06/25
NALCO has appointed KPMG as Transaction Advisor for Selection and engagement of MDO for Pottangi Bauxite Mines. KPMG on behalf of National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) invites bids from eligible bidders for Selection and Engagement of Mine Developer cum Operator (MDO) for Development and Operation of Pottangi Bauxite Mines along with Overland Conveyor Corridor (OLCC) and allied facilities.

Availability of RFP on the CPP Portal and website of NALCO	Date: 20.06.2025
Last date of online submission of Bid	Date: 04.08.2025, Time 4:00 PM
Last date of physical submission of required original documents	Date: 11.08.2025, Time 4:00 PM

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the on the CPP Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) and on the website of NALCO (https://nalcoindia.com). Bid shall be submitted on the CPP Portal only. RFP published on the website of NALCO is for information only. NALCO reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
Sd/-
Tender Inviting Authority on behalf of NALCO
KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
E- NOTICE INVITING BID No. 03 and 04 (2025-26)
On line bids for E-NIB NO.03 (2025-26) are here from interested bidders for S.No. 01 to 08 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Hanumangarh, S.No. 09 to 16 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Ratangarh, S.No. 17 to 22 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Bhadla and S.No. 23 in office of the Executive Engineer-II (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Bikaner and bids for NIB NO.04 (2025-26) for S.No. 01 to 03 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Hanumangarh, S.No. 04 to 06 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N., Ratangarh, S.No. 07 to 08 in office of the Executive Engineer -II (Civil) R.R.V.P.N., Bikaner and S.No. 09 to 11 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N., Bhadla. The details of NIB i.e. estimated cost, tender fee, earnest money date of tender download and submitting etc. given in procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in. & www.rvpn.co.in.
UBN No. : VPN2526WSOB00791, 834, 837, 833, 830, 838, 850, 836, 852, 831, 851, 854, 855, 832, 858, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, VPN2526WSOBO0799, 800, 829, 828, 827, 857, 856, 859, 893, 894, 895
Superintending Engineer
Raj.Samwad/C/25/4964 RRVPN/TR-6948/2025 (Civil), Bikaner

INBRIEF

2 dead, 20 missing as heavy rain hits Himachal Pradesh

Two persons were killed and 20 feared swept away as cloudburst, flash floods and heavy rain wreaked havoc in Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday. Two bodies were recovered from the Manuni Khad in Kangra district while 15-20 workers stationed at a labour colony near the Indira Priyadarshini Hydroelectric project site were feared swept away following a surge in water level in the Khaniyara Manuni Khad. According to officials, the project work had been suspended due to rain, and the workers were resting in temporary shelters near the site when floodwaters from Manuni Khad was diverted towards the labour colony, sweeping the workers away. Teams from several departments have reached the spot to carry out rescue work. PTI

BMS not to oppose or support general strike on July 9

The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), the trade union affiliated to the Sangh Parivar, has reached out to over 70 lakh workers across the country in the past six months as part of its 70th anniversary celebrations. The culmination of the year-long campaign would be marked by a programme in Delhi on July 23, which would be inaugurated by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat. Addressing a press conference, BMS organising secretary B. Surendran said that they would neither support nor oppose the call for general strike by 10 Central Trade Unions on July 9 to protest the four Labour Codes. The BMS would not participate as they had their own perception on the issues raised by the unions, he said.

President and PM hail Shukla's space odyssey

The whole nation is excited and proud of an Indian's journey into the stars, says Droupadi Murmu; Shukla carries with him the wishes, hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians, says Modi

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

All for one: Shubhanshu Shukla's father Shambhu Dayal Shukla and mother Asha Shukla watch the live broadcast of Axiom 4 mission's launch in Lucknow on Wednesday. SANDEEP SAXENA

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on his landmark space odyssey.

"As Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla creates a new milestone in space for India, the whole nation is excited and proud of an Indian's journey into the stars. He and his fellow astronauts of Axiom Mission 4 from the U.S., Poland and Hungary prove the world is indeed one family – *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*. My best wishes for the success of this mission, which reflects the enduring partnership between NASA and ISRO. The wide-ranging experiments to be performed by the crew will lead to new frontiers of scientific studies and space exploration," the President said in a post on X.

Mr. Shukla, an Indian Air Force (IAF) officer, has created history by becoming the second Indian to travel to space. He, along with three others, will travel to the International Space Station as part of a commercial mission by Axiom Space.

Mr. Modi posted on X, "We welcome the successful launch of the Space Mission carrying astronauts from India, Hungary, Poland and the U.S. The Indian Astronaut, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, is on the way to become the first Indian to go to International Space Station. He carries with him the wishes, hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. Wish him and other astronauts all the success!"

"The Space Mission carrying astronauts from four countries, including India, is going to be a significant milestone in the history of space exploration. Shubhanshu Shukla, who hails from Lucknow, is set to be the first Indian to go to the International Space Station. The country is proud of him. Wishing him and his fellow space travellers success in their endeavours," posted Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on X.

Group Captain Shukla was born on October 10, 1985, in Lucknow. He did his schooling at City Montessori School before joining the National Defence Academy. He was commissioned into the IAF in 2006 and has over 2,000 hours of flying time on a wide range of aircraft, including Su-30 MKI, MiG-29, Jaguar, and Dornier-228.

The IAF posted on X, "From conquering the skies to touching the stars – a journey powered by the indomitable spirit of the IAF Air Warrior. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla sets forth on a landmark Space Mission, carrying the pride of the nation beyond Earth. This is a déjà-vu moment for India, 41 years after the mission of Sqn Ldr Rakesh Sharma, who first carried our Tricolour beyond Earth. Being more than a mission – it is reaffirmation of India's ever-expanding horizon."

Lucknow cheers city boy; proud moment for all, say parents

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Shukla's alma mater organised an 'immersive watch-party' to mark the mission's launch.

Amid cheers and shrieks of joy, the crowd at the City Montessori School in Lucknow, the alma mater of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, watched him lift off into space from the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida on Wednesday. As the rocket carrying the Lucknow boy and three others pierced through the Florida skies, Group Captain Shukla became only the second Indian astronaut to undertake a space flight, 41 years after another space icon, Rakesh Sharma.

At the school on Kanpur Road, the students were joined by the parents of the experienced Indian Air Force test pilot in watching the live broadcast of the Axiom-4 mission. Group Captain Shukla's parents became emotional as the mission lifted off successfully. "It is a proud moment for all of us. What more should I say at this moment. My blessings are always there with my son," his father, Shambhu Shukla, told presspersons. "I have nothing more to say. I am delighted. Everyone is happy and jubilant, my son made all of us proud," his mother, Asha Shukla, said.

The event was part of the school's "Vyomotsav", an "immersive watch-party" that transformed the campus into a vibrant "mini-space centre".

People across Lucknow too celebrated the local boy's space journey, with many dancing and distributing sweets at the busy Hazratganj intersection. Posters were also put up congratulating him.

Congratulating the Lucknow-born astronaut, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath described the space mission as a wonderful example of India's scientific progress and global cooperation. "Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Axiom Mission 4's Mission Pilot Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on this historic achievement. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, India's participation in this international space mission shows our commitment to scientific progress and global cooperation," he said on X.

All work and some rest ahead of today's docking for Axiom-4 crew

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

On the clock: The mission's targeted docking time is approximately 7 a.m. Eastern Time (4.30 p.m. IST) on Thursday. REUTERS

After a textbook launch and deployment, the Dragon spacecraft commenced its 28-and-a-half-hour journey to the International Space Station (ISS).

During this journey, the Dragon crew vehicle, named Grace, will execute a series of burns to gradually raise and line up the Ax-4 crew for docking with the ISS in what is referred to as the activation and rendezvous phase of the flight.

"In just a few minutes, the crew will change out of their space suits to get a little bit more comfortable for flight and will enjoy their first meal aboard the spacecraft. Over the course of their flight, they will also have a rest period that will last for about eight hours. Before they arrive at the ISS, we will have three potential opportunities to chat briefly with the crew onboard. We hope one of these will work out, none of them are guaranteed dependent both on crew schedule and ground station coverage," an Axiom official said.

The spacecraft will dock autonomously to the space-facing port of the station's Harmony module.

According to SpaceX, after executing a series of burns, which will move the vehicle closer to the ISS, the Dragon will perform final docking manoeuvres, followed by pressurisation of the vestibule, hatch opening, and crew ingress.

Extensive checks

The docking is expected to last a few hours as extensive checks will be carried out, following which the Ax-4 crew members will float into the ISS.

"Once the Ax-4 crew arrives at the ISS, they would be greeted by the crew onboard the orbiting space station from NASA, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and Russia's Roscosmos," added the official.

The targeted docking time at the orbiting laboratory is approximately 7 a.m. Eastern Time (4.30 p.m. IST) on Thursday.

Carrying Rakesh Sharma's legacy forward, say Cong. leaders of Shukla's mission

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Kharge hails the astronaut's achievement; an inspiration for every Indian, says Rahul

The Congress on Wednesday hailed the successful launch of the Axiom-4 space mission carrying Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and said the nation was proud of the achievement.

"'Touch the Sky with Glory'. We welcome the successful launch of the space mission carrying astronauts from India, Hungary, Poland, and the US," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X. He said after Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma in 1984, Group Captain Shukla was en route to becoming the second Indian to travel to space after 41 years.

"We pray for his successful mission. The entire nation is proud of this achievement," he said.

In a post on X, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "A proud moment for every Indian as Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla launches off on his journey to the International Space Station."

"41 years after Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian in space, he now carries forward that legacy, inspiring every Indian," he said, wishing him and the team a safe and successful return.

The Congress, on its official X handle, also said, "Historic moment! Congratulations to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and the international crew on their successful space mission launch!"

"Following Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma's pioneering journey in 1984, Shubhanshu Shukla is the second Indian to travel to space after 41 years. We're incredibly proud of him, representing India's growing presence in space exploration! Wishing them a safe and successful journey to the cosmos!"

Swades track in launch day playlist of astronauts

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Yun Hi Chala Chal Raahi, Kitni Haseen Hai Yeh Duniya... The evocative song from Hindi film *Swades* was part of the soundtrack that accompanied Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on his historic journey to space on Wednesday.

Ahead of the launch, the crew shared a curated playlist on X. The playlist also included selections from fellow crew members: Commander Peggy Whitson (U.S.) picked *Thunder* by Imagine Dragons; Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski (Poland) chose *Supermonce*, a Polish track; and Tibor Kapu (Hungary) added *Bvhely*, a traditional Hungarian composition.

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(set by Pixie Dust)

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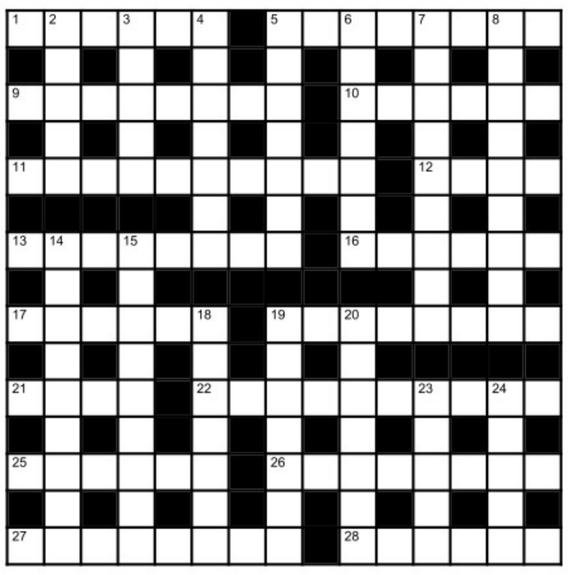

Across

1 Look at prison, we hear it's breathtaking (6)
5 Graduate's football position? (8)
9 Girl grew excited! (one who can't stay still!) (8)
10 A wild animal died on ship (6)
11 Funny act is repeated several times to get numbers (10)
12 Tramp takes rough expeditions keenly to begin with (4)
13 Filling gifts & fun all over the place (8)
16 Segment of broken or malformed set (6)
17 Internally, send ideas - try please! (6)
19 Notice crazy help tamper building without hesitation (8)
21 Struggle with vision (4)
22 Inactivity in country for men only! (10)
25 Cheeps affected conversation (6)
26 Cross over unopened booth at first to reach two universities (8)
27 Spooner asked Peppa Pig Parrot to cut down candy? (8)
28 Show Mercy from where Len toppled (6)

Down

2 Wagon carries a measure (5)
3 Dark cavalryman in conversation (5)
4 Company mislaying island's larger than life statues (7)
5 Henry offending fish (7)
6 Upset about one boy's affair (7)
7 Bishop depressed with rising decay in church burner (9)
8 My God! Engineer delayed match (9)
14 Not an amateur racketer, top sinner in disguise! (6,3)
15 Basically foreigners were dancing with scoundrel in coast (9)
18 Sprung up with new seed pod (7)
19 Ape's comfort soup? (3,4)
20 Tiny skirt and fancy bra in counter (4-3)
23 Hearing test (5)
24 Member of Hindustan Agrochemicals from the south (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	2	9	7	6	1	8	3	5
5	8	1	2	3	4	6	9	7
6	7	3	9	8	5	4	1	2

FAITH

Kakasura's life spared

Soorpanakha wanted to marry Lord Rama, and since He was unwilling to comply with her request, she was prepared to harm Sita. She saw Sita as the cause for Rama's rejection of her. Ravana wanted Sita to be his, and since She was disinclined, he wanted to kill Rama. Vibhishana, Ravana's brother, wanted to do his bit to bring Rama and Sita together, and he was saved. There is a message for us in this – worship both Lord Narayana and His Consort. To worship one without the other will yield only negative results, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse. This message is seen clearly in the Kakasura episode.

Kakasura, the demon in crow form, pecked at Sita's breast and the wound began to bleed. Enraged at what Kakasura had done, Lord Rama picked up a blade of grass, and aimed it at Kakasura, intending it to work like Brahmastra. The arrow flew towards Kakasura, who fled to escape it. But, no matter where he went, the arrow followed him. Finally, exhausted, he came back to Rama and fell at His feet, and his life was spared. But since the arrow could not be kept from striking a target, the demon's right eye was hit. This is all that we find in the Valmiki Ramayana. But Manavala Mamunigal, in his Srivachana Bhushanam, takes references from Paadma Purana, and says when Kakasura fell at Rama's feet, his feet were pointing towards the Lord's feet. This cannot be taken as surrender, where one places one's head at the feet of the Lord. So Sita distracted His attention, and pushed Kakasura's head close to Rama's feet. She then pointed to Rama that Kakasura had surrendered and must therefore not be killed. Thus it was Sita who was responsible for saving Kakasura.

INBRIEF

NSE offers $160 mn to settle with SEBI, 'move ahead of IPO'

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has offered to pay markets regulator SEBI ₹13.88 billion ($160 million) to settle a legal dispute to proceed with a long-delayed initial public offering (IPO), sources said. This is set to be the largest settlement made with SEBI in India's history. NSE has been in litigation with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) since 2019 when it was fined ₹11 billion for failing to provide equitable access to all trading members. REUTERS

Govt. has provided ₹21,534 cr. worth incentives under PLI

The government's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has seen the government provide ₹21,534 crore worth incentives in various sectors, thereby attracting investments of ₹1.76 lakh crore, as per an official release. The scheme had generated production or sales worth ₹16.5 lakh crore as of March. During a review meeting, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said that India must prioritise sectors in which it had a competitive edge over other countries.

Adani, Reliance units tie up to boost fuel retail network

Adani Total Gas Ltd. (ATGL) and Jio-bp, the operating brand of Reliance BP Mobility Ltd., signed an agreement to combine strengths in auto fuel retail in India. Under this agreement, select ATGL fuel outlets will offer Jio-bp's high-performance petrol and diesel, while select Jio-bp fuel outlets will integrate ATGL CNG dispensing units within ATGL's authorised geographical areas, thus enhancing the supply of high-quality fuels to transport consumers.

'Rural demand likely recovered'

Domestic price situation remained benign with headline inflation staying below the target for the fourth consecutive month in May while agriculture showed a broad-based increase in production across most major crops during 2024-25

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

At a time of elevated global uncertainty, various high-frequency indicators for May point towards resilient economic activity in India across the industrial and services sectors, said RBI officials in the June issue of RBI Bulletin.

Provisional estimates released in May reaffirmed growth at 6.5% in 2024-25, with a significant sequential pickup in Q4.

"In fact, among the countries surveyed for the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), the overall expansion in activity was the highest in India with the expansion in new export orders witnessed in May being an outlier, amid contraction seen in other major economies," they said in "State of the Economy."

Affordable fare: Food inflation (y-o-y) decelerated to 1.5% in May, the lowest in 73 months. REUTERS

"Capacity utilisation by manufacturing firms remained above long-period average. High-frequency indicators of aggregate demand for May also suggested a pickup in rural demand, especially given the strong performance of the agricultural sector."

Agriculture showed a broad-based increase in production across most major crops during 2024-25, they said, adding domestic price situation stayed benign with headline inflation staying below the target for the fourth consecutive month in May.

"Forward-looking surveys of consumer sentiments show stable consumer confidence for the current period and improved optimism about the future. All of these indicate considerable resilience of the Indian economy."

High-frequency food price data up to June 20 showed a moderation in prices of pulses while prices of cereals rose marginally. However, protracted trade policy uncertainties and rising trade barriers pose risk to global economy, they said, adding intensifying geopolitical tensions too may further debilitate the already weakened growth impulses.

NSE futures to hedge loss from electricity price fluctuations

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

National Stock Exchange (NSE) is set to unveil a new security called "Electricity Futures" in order to hedge losses due to electricity price fluctuations.

This will allow power buyers, sellers, traders, and retailers to manage price risk. The electricity supply and distribution market is bundled and this product will help them unbundle, NSE said. There will be no direct delivery of electricity. DISCOMS, generators, traders and industries can lock future prices. The monthly product is likely to bring certainty to short-term electricity market, which is volatile.

The monthly product will be settled in cash.

Tata Play FY25 loss widens to to ₹529 crore, revenue slips

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NEW DELHI

Tata Play, formerly as Tata Sky, reported widening of consolidated loss to ₹529.43 crore for FY25, as it competes with other DTH operators including DishTV, Airtel Digital TV, and DD Free Dish.

The company had incurred a net loss of ₹353.88 crore in FY24.

Revenue from operations declined 5.15% to ₹4,082.5 crore in FY25. Reasons for the company's widening loss could not be immediately known.

Bharat Biotech to supply GSK's malaria vaccine to GAVI in '26

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

RTS.S was the first malaria vaccine recommended by the World Health Organization in 2021

Bharat Biotech International will start supplying world's first malaria vaccine RTS.S, developed by global biopharma major GSK, to vaccine alliance Gavi from 2026.

The supplies form part of pledges by both companies to Gavi for its next replenishment phase (Gavi 6.0, 2026-2030), the Hyderabad-based vaccine maker said on Wednesday, announcing it will also progressively reduce price of the vaccine by more than half to less than $5 by 2028. Process improvements, expanded production capacity, cost-effective manufacturing and minimal profit margins will be factors driving down the price, it said.

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MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,756	0.85
US Dollar	86.08	-0.03
Gold	98,600	-0.30
Brent oil	68.31	1.19

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2527.20	21.60
Adani Ports	1393.10	3.60
Apollo Hosp	7042.00	36.00
Asian Paints	2279.90	4.60
Axis Bank	1213.30	-7.90
Bajaj Auto	8389.50	12.50
Bajaj Finserv	2011.80	2.60
Bajaj Finance	928.00	11.50
Bharat Elec	406.05	-12.45
Bharti Airtel	1965.60	32.00
Cipla	1510.00	7.60
Coal India	391.75	-0.90
Dr Reddys Lab	1341.60	4.30
Eicher Motors	5576.00	-53.00
Eternal Ltd.	258.86	3.79
Grasim Ind	2831.80	50.90
HCL Tech	1717.10	25.30
HDFC Bank	1980.20	19.30
HDFC Life	785.10	5.40
Hero MotoCorp	4300.80	8.30
Hindalco	672.65	3.25
Hind Unilever	2278.70	15.60
ICICI Bank	1425.80	1.70
IndusInd Bank	829.80	-2.15
Infosys	1614.90	33.30
ITC	416.35	2.00
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	303.30	2.50
JSW Steel	1024.45	17.45
Kotak Bank	2198.30	-25.30
L&T	3619.80	15.00
M&M	3215.50	65.40
Maruti Suzuki	12767.00	156.00
NestleIndia	2404.40	38.60
NTPC	330.85	0.90
ONGC	241.91	-2.01
PowerGrid Corp	290.45	4.50
Reliance Ind	1467.30	16.50
SBI Life	1842.70	-0.30
State Bank	800.05	4.65
Shriram Finance Ltd.	675.10	-0.95
Sun Pharma	1669.60	7.90
TataConsumerProduct	1126.50	18.80
Tata Motors	674.50	0.85
Tata Steel	156.39	1.60
TCS	3444.80	54.40
Tech Mahindra	1705.00	27.90
Titan	3652.20	126.20
Trent Ltd.	6124.50	67.00
UltraTech Cement	11733.00	154.00
Wipro	269.41	4.44

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.89	86.21
Euro	99.68	100.06
British Pound	116.90	117.34
Japanese Yen (100)	58.95	59.17
Chinese Yuan	11.97	12.02
Swiss Franc	106.50	106.91
Singapore Dollar	67.07	67.33
Canadian Dollar	62.53	62.78
Malaysian Ringitt	20.25	20.36
Australian Dollar	55.80	56.01

Source:Indian Bank

Reliance Defence bags ₹600-crore export order

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Anil Ambani's Reliance Defence on Wednesday said it has secured an export order worth ₹600 crore from Rheinmetall Waffe Munition GmbH, a leading German defence and ammunition manufacturer.

The export order is one of the largest in the high-tech ammunition domain to date, a company statement said. The order represents a key milestone in Reliance Defence's strategy to strengthen it's position as a reliable partner in the global defence and ammunition supply chain, with focus on Europe, it said.

Reliance Defence aims at being among top three defence exporters in India.

IRDAI slaps ₹1 crore fine on Edelweiss Life

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Edelweiss Life Insurance Company for violations of certain corporate governance guidelines.

Insurers must avoid or mitigate any conflicts of interest while outsourcing. The insurer is responsible for all regulatory obligations and conduct of due diligence of the outsourced service provider.

Adequate systems, policies and procedures to address potential conflicts of interest and compliance with provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 must be established by the insurer, IRDAI said in its order.

On another charge, the insurer was not capturing bank account details of policyholders at the proposal stage where premium tops ₹10,000. IRDAI cautioned Edelweiss Life, rebutting the contention that bank details of policy holders were not required was not acceptable. IRDAI directed Edelweiss Life to seek all details of the bank account of the proposer/insured in the proposal form at the proposal stage itself.

IRDAI said bank details must be taken at proposal stage.

'Cheap data aided UPI in transforming payments'

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

A new paper published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) lauded the impact of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system in India and said those looking to move from cash to digital payments should also carry out the other mobile data, banking, and digital identity related steps that India did.

According to a paper titled 'Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability', authored by Alexander Copestake, Divya Kirti and Maria Soledad Martinez Peria, of the IMF, the interoperability offered by the UPI has played a significant role in its widespread adoption.

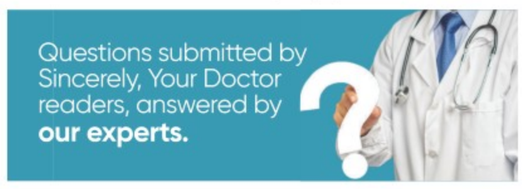
Your Health Questions Answered

1. How to identify deficiencies in Vitamin D and B12? What causes them and how can they be corrected? *Noorul Haq, Trichy*

Deficiencies in Vitamin D and B12 are common and can be confirmed through blood tests — 25-hydroxy Vitamin D test for Vitamin D and the serum B12 test for Vitamin B12. Vitamin D deficiency often arises due to limited sun exposure and is typically managed with Vitamin D3 supplements and by increasing safe sun exposure. Vitamin B12 arises due to certain dietary habits (vegetarian or vegan diets), digestive issues such as gastritis or irritable bowel syndrome, or age-related absorption problems, and can be managed by incorporating more B12-rich foods like eggs, dairy, and meat, or taking supplements.

2. What is calcium scoring? Will it pose a problem if one consumes calcium tablet daily? *S Vijaykumar, Mysuru*

Coronary artery calcium scoring is a specialised CT scan of the heart to detect the presence of calcium deposits in the heart's arteries. These deposits are a marker of atherosclerosis — the buildup of plaque in the artery walls. It helps assess one's risk of developing heart disease. Regarding your question about whether calcium tablets increase this type of calcium buildup, this is still being debated at a research level. Always consult your doctor before starting supplements.



3. What is the permanent solution for PCOS? How can I manage hirsutism, insulin resistance, fatigue, and weight gain? *Aditi Jadhav, Hyderabad*

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a long-term hormonal condition that can be well-managed with the right approach. This includes lifestyle changes. Regular exercise like strength training and aerobic activity can help improve reach optimum weight, which improves insulin sensitivity and regulates cycles. A low-glycemic index diet rich in whole foods, fibre, and healthy fats supports weight management and energy levels. Medications may be prescribed for insulin resistance. Hirsutism may be managed with cosmetic treatments like laser hair removal. It is also important to manage stress, which can lower insulin sensitivity. While there is no cure, consistent management can improve symptoms and quality of life.

4. I'm 22 years old and I've tried smoking a few times. Should I quit completely or is occasional smoking okay? *Karan, Dharmapuri*

There is no known "safe zone" when it comes to tobacco use. Even occasional smoking is harmful. Each cigarette cumulatively damages lungs, blood vessels, and heart. Tobacco contains addictive substances like nicotine, and even infrequent use can lead to dependence over time. The fact that you've only smoked a few times is a great opportunity to quit completely before a habit takes hold.

5. I'm 21, have irregular periods, and weigh 38 kg. How can I regulate my cycle and reach a healthy weight? *Sree Parvathy, Kerala*

At 38 kg, your body may not have enough fat reserves to support hormonal production which ensures regular menstrual function. It's important to increase your calorie intake with nutrient-dense food (protein, healthy fats and fibre), get adequate sleep, manage stress and ensure you're not over-exercising. A doctor may advise blood tests to check your thyroid function and hormone levels that inadvertently could be causing low weight. Work with a nutritionist and gynaecologist to help you gain weight healthily and regulate your menstrual cycle.

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The Hindu, IBM unveil 'AI@Work' to see impact of AI across industries

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Hindu Group, in partnership with IBM, unveiled AI@Work - Shaping the Future of Business with AI, a year-long initiative that explores how artificial intelligence (AI) is no longer a frontier technology but a foundational force powering transformation across Indian enterprises.

From driving efficiency and innovation to redefining sectoral strategies, AI is rapidly reshaping the way businesses operate.

As companies across sectors shift from experimentation to enterprise-wide AI adoption, AI@Work will showcase real-world narratives of transformation with a focus on manufacturing, banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI).

The series will unpack how business models, workflows and decision-making are being reimagined through AI; explore the shift from "+AI," where AI is added to existing systems, to "AI+," where it is embedded into the DNA of operations and examine what it takes to scale AI responsibly and successfully.

Enterprise data

"Data is your most powerful asset but only when it's harnessed. With 99% of enterprise data untouched by AI, the opportunity to unlock business value is immense," said Tuhina Pandey, director - APAC communications & CMO, India and South Asia, IBM.

The initiative will also spotlight how IBM's AI and data platform, WatsonX, is powering responsible and scalable AI adoption. As "Client Zero," IBM has deployed WatsonX across its own operations to drive efficiencies and reduce costs – redirecting savings into innovation.

"This initiative is unique convergence of editorial credibility and technological depth. Our partnership with IBM will facilitate industry-relevant conversations on technology's role in business and society and drive meaningful engagement," said Suresh Balakrishna, chief revenue officer, The Hindu Group.

JERUSALEM

Israeli commandos operated in Iran during 12-day war: military

AFP

The head of Israel's military said that Israeli commandos had operated secretly inside Iran during the countries' 12-day war. "This was made possible thanks to, among other things, coordination and tactical deception carried out by our air force and ground commando units," chief of staff Eyal Zamir said. AFP

GAZA CITY

Seven Israeli troops killed in Gaza; Israeli attacks kill 79 Palestinians

AFP

Israel on Wednesday reported one of its deadliest days in Gaza in months as its military said seven soldiers were killed when a Palestinian attacker attached a bomb to their armoured vehicle, while health officials in the battered enclave said Israeli attacks killed 79 people over the past day. AP

NAIROBI

Kenya anniversary protests turn violent, leaves 8 dead, 400 injured

AFP

Marches in Kenya to mark a year since massive anti-government demonstrations turned violent on Wednesday, with eight persons killed and at least 400 injured as protesters held running battles with police, who flooded Nairobi's streets with tear gas and sealed off government buildings with barbed wire. AFP

YEREVAN

Foiled 'sinister' coup plot by senior cleric of Church, says Armenia PM

AFP

Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said security forces foiled a coup plot involving a senior cleric. Mr. Pashinyan has been at loggerheads with the Church since its head, Catholicos Garegin II, began calling for his resignation following Armenia's 2020 defeat to arch-foe Azerbaijan over the then-disputed Karabakh region. AFP

Strikes set back Iran's nuclear sites, did not destroy them, claims U.S. intel

Report says the strikes sealed off entrances to some facilities without destroying underground buildings, while Trump insists nuclear sites in Iran are completely destroyed; the Islamic Republic says its nuclear facilities are 'badly damaged'

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A classified preliminary U.S. intelligence report has concluded that American strikes on Iran set back Tehran's nuclear programme by just a few months – rather than destroying it as claimed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

U.S. media on Tuesday cited people familiar with the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) findings as saying the weekend strikes did not fully eliminate Iran's centrifuges or stockpile of enriched uranium.

The aerial bombardments and missile strikes sealed off entrances to some facilities without destroying underground buildings, according to the report.

Ground zero: A satellite image of air strike craters around the Fordow Fuel Enrichment Facility near Qom on Tuesday. REUTERS

U.S. media coverage of the DIA assessment appeared to anger Mr. Trump, who insisted news outlets like *CNN* and *The New York Times* were out to "demean" the military strike by saying it only set back Iran's nuclear program by a few months.

"THE NUCLEAR SITES IN IRAN ARE COMPLETELY DESTROYED!" Mr. Trump posted in all caps on his Truth Social platform.

Mr. Trump's special envoy to West Asia, Steven Witkoff, appeared on *Fox News* to trumpet the White House version.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei confirmed on Wednesday the country's nuclear facilities had been "badly damaged" in American strikes over the weekend.

"Our nuclear installations have been badly damaged, that's for sure," Mr. Baghaei said.

However, Iran's government said on Tuesday it had "taken the necessary measures" to ensure the continuation of its nuclear programme.

"Plans for restarting (the facilities) have been prepared in advance, and our strategy is to ensure that production and services are not disrupted," the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, Mohammad Eslami, said in a statement aired on state television.

An adviser to Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei meanwhile said his country still had stocks of enriched uranium and that "the game is not over."

Socialist Mamdani leads in New York's mayoral primary

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Young self-declared socialist Zohran Mamdani was on the cusp of a stunning victory on Wednesday in New York City's Democratic mayoral primary – pummeling his scandal-scarred establishment rival in a race seen as a fight for the future of the Democratic Party.

Zohran Mamdani

Results were not yet final. But Mr. Mamdani – who is just 33 and would become the city's first Muslim Mayor – had such a commanding lead that his biggest rival, former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, conceded defeat overnight.

Mr. Mamdani's success was seen as a rebuke to Democratic centrists who backed the powerful Mr. Cuomo, as the party flails nationally in search of a way to counter Republican President Donald Trump's hard-right movement.

The Ugandan-born Mr. Mamdani was behind Mr. Cuomo in polls until the end, surging on a message of lower rents, free daycare and other populist ideas in the notoriously expensive US city.

"Tonight we made history," he said in a victory speech to supporters. New Yorkers "have stood up for a city they can afford."

Mr. Cuomo, a 67-year-old political veteran vying to come back from a sexual harassment scandal, told supporters: "Tonight was not our night."

"I called him, I congratulated him," he said.

Mr. Mamdani had taken 43% of the vote with 95% of ballots counted, according to city officials. Mr. Cuomo was at around 36% and appeared to have no chance to catch his rival.

However, the contest is ranked-choice, with voters asked to select five candidates in order of preference.

When no candidate wins 50% of the vote outright, election officials start the time-consuming process of eliminating the lowest-ranking candidates and retabulating.

NATO nod for hike in military spending, collective defence

Associated Press
THE HAGUE

NATO leaders agreed on Wednesday on a massive hike in defence spending after pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, and expressed their "ironclad commitment" to come to each other's aid if attacked.

The 32 leaders endorsed a final summit statement saying: "Allies commit to invest 5% of GDP annually on core defence requirements as well as defence- and security-related spending by 2035 to ensure our individual and collective obligations."

Spain had already officially announced that it cannot meet the target, and others have voiced reservations, but the investment pledge includes a review of spending in 2029.

The leaders also underlined their "ironclad commitment" to NATO's collective security guarantee – "that an attack on one is an attack on all."

Ukraine issue

Mr. Trump has been reluctant to support Ukraine in its war against Russia's full-scale invasion. "We stand by Ukraine in its pursuit of peace and will continue to support Ukraine on its irreversible path to NATO membership," Mr. Rutte said. The Trump administration has vetoed Ukraine's bid to join NATO for the foreseeable future.

U.K.'s Starmer faces rebellion over Bill to slash welfare cuts

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Wednesday doubled down on controversial plans to cut disability and sickness welfare, amid the biggest rebellion by lawmakers of his premiership. Labour Party's Mr. Starmer insisted that a vote on the proposed legislation would go ahead on Tuesday.

His government is under pressure to slash a spiralling Benefits Bill as Chancellor Rachel Reeves tries to generate growth from a sluggish U.K. economy. The Premier's words came as at least 120 Labour MPs, nearly a third of parliament, backed a move to block the proposals.

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One Minister said the mood was one of "panic", while a Labour Party insider said many MPs were happy to rebel because "they are seeing poll after poll showing their seats going to (the anti-immigration party) Reform next election".

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HOD-C&I, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of:

1	Tender Enquiry No. 040/GATP/CANDI/50007301 dated 25/06/2025 " AMC for Routine/Preventive, Breakdown & Shutdown Maintenance of complete C&I Equipment/Instruments" at 2x270MW Guru Amrdas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications."

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 25/06/2025 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER & SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for purchase of Three Phase Meter with box (TN-2925, UBN-VVN2526GLOB00124) , Single Phase Moulded Meter Box (TN-2926, UBN-VVN2526GLOB00125), Three Phase Moulded Meter Box (TN-2927, UBN-VVN2526GLOB00126), Sheet Metal Type 200 Amp. LT Distribution Kiosks suitable for 63/100 KVA Distribution Transformers (TN-2928, UBN- VVN2526GLOB00128), 100 Amp. LT Distribution Kiosks suitable for Underground Cable (TN-2929, UBN-VVN2526GLOB00130), 33 KV and 11 KV (ST Type) Surge Arrester (TN-2930, UBN-VVN2526GLOB00131) and short term e-tender for purchase of 11 KV Ring Main Units (2 LBS+1 VCB) (TN-2931, UBN- VVN2526GLOB00132). All the details regarding tenders are available at web site **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.** In future, corrigendum/ extension, if any, shall be published only at above web sites.

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RE-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Salt Testing Kit for National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme vide Re-tender no KMSCL/ ED/RT/STK/2025/012 dated: 24.06.2025.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Tender Qty. (Kits)	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	Salt Testing Kit	48,000	08.07.2025 5.00 pm.	11.07.2025 11.30 am.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

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क्रमांक: डी-191 दिनांक: 16.06.2025
निविदा संशोधन निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2025-26
NIB Code: PWD2526A0789
इस कार्यालय के क्रमांक 121 दिनांक 23.05.2025 एवं 131 दिनांक 26.05.2025 द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2025-26 के क्रम संख्या 01 से 15 पर अंकित कार्यों की तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है।

विवरण	पूर्व में दिनांक	संशोधित दिनांक
ऑनलाइन निविदा आवेदन/डाउनलोड करने की दिनांक	बुधवार, 28 मई 2025 प्रातः 9:30 से मंगलवार, 17 जून 2025 सायं 6.00 बजे	बुधवार, 28 मई 2025 प्रातः 9:30 से गुरूवार, 26 जून 2025 सायं 6.00 बजे
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ऑनलाइन निविदा खोलने की दिनांक	बुधवार, 18 जून 2025 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे।	शुक्रवार, 27 जून 2025 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे।

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E-PROCUREMENT RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

SI.No.1)Name of work: DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 34806/CALL-3 Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs) 80,17,645-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs) 1,60,500-00 1)Last date and time for tender notification in E-procurement: 03.07.2025 upto 5.30pm. 2)Techinical bid opening date and time: 05.07.2025 at 11.30am 3)Financial bid opening date and time: 09.07.2025 at 11.30am

Sd/- President, TMC, Belur. Sd/- Sujay Kumar S M, Chief Officer, TMC, Belur.
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-1:Tender-15:2025-26 Dated:- 25.06.2025

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.
Name of work:- Two cover System :- Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements:- (1) Improvements and Asphaling road from 5.20 Km to 18.40 and 20.00 to 23.00 km of Metikurke Shidlayyanakote road in Hiriyur taluk (Working Chainage 5.30 to 9.00, 10.20 to 14.45 and 20.35 to 23.00) (WI.22225) **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:- 990.00**
Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 09-07-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 10-07-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 11-07-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 14-07-2025 Time: 11.00
Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.
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No.EE(QA/QC)West/TEND/08/Corrigendum-01/2025-26 Date: 25.06.2025

CORRIGENDUM - 1

Reference: 1) EE(QA/QC)/West/TEND/08/25-26, Dt: 21.06.2025.
The Tender Notification No.EE(QA/QC)/West/TEND/08/25-26, was issued by this office on Dt: 21.06.2025. The Sl. No.2 of the Tender Notification, **Name of the Work: Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for the "Improvement works in Boulevard Park at West of Chord Road in Dr. Rajkumar Agraharadasarahalli Ward No.135 (Call-2)** was published in the newspapers on 22-06-2025, Further, it had to be posted in the **kpp portal** on 23-06-2025, but it could not be posted on the portal due to technical issues. **Hence the Calendar of Events of the said Tender has now been Modified as here below:**
Modified Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Document may be downloaded through kpp portal from: **26.06.2025 (2)** Pre-bid Meeting on: **30.06.2025 at 11:30 a.m. (3)** Last Date for submission of Bid Documents: **07.07.2025 upto 4:00 p.m. (4)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals : **08.07.2025 at 4:30 p.m.** All other Terms and Conditions of the notification remains the same.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC), West Zone, BBMP.

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E-Tender Notice No. TIDEL/2025-26/09 Date : 26.06.2025

TIDEL Park Limited invites "E-Tender for Construction of IT Office Building, Ground Floor + 3 Floors + Terrace, Including Civil Construction, HVAC, Electrical HT/LT, Elevator, IBMS, Fire Protection, Plumbing, Structural Façade, Landscaping, STP, WTP and External Works at **Rasipuram in Namakkal District**."
For more details and participation in the above e-Tender, please visit the website www.tntenders.gov.in. Last date for online submission of duly filled in tender documents is **3.00 p.m. on 25.07.2025.** TIDEL Park Limited reserves the right to accept /reject any one/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof
DIPR/3253/TENDER/2025 Managing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that our Client intends to purchase an Apartment bearing **Unit No. 7T-4A**, situated on the Seventh Floor of the block known as "**Tulip**" in the Apartment Building Complex known as "**Purva Park**", situated at Madras Sappers Officers' Colony (M.S.O Colony), Jeevanahalli Main Road, Doddigunta Village, Ward No. 59, Bengaluru – 560 005, which is more fully described in the '**Schedule**' below and referred to herein as the "**Schedule Property**", from its present owners: (i) **Mrs. Sara Anila Alexander**, wife of Mr. Joseph Alexander; and (ii) **Ms. Tanya Susan Alexander**, daughter of Mr. Joseph Alexander, both residing at No. 87, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Versova Layout, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru ("**Owners**").

The Owners have represented to our Client that they are currently the joint and absolute owners of the Schedule Property having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same, and that they have been and continue to be in uninterrupted peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, and that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, charges, lien, litigation and/ or any third-party rights/ claims of any nature whatsoever.

The Owners have represented that the Original and Duplicate of the **Sale Deed dated 08.10.1999**, **registered as Document No. BNG(U)-SNGR-2329/1999-2000**, in Book-I, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, executed by M/s. Purva Developments (as owner) along with Puravankara Projects Limited (as developer), in favour of the Owners, in respect of the Schedule Property, have been irretrievably lost and misplaced. A Lost Report in respect of the loss of the aforementioned Original and Duplicate of the Sale Deed in respect of the Schedule Property has been lodged with the Bengaluru City Police Unit, on 16.04.2025, and the same is registered as **Lost Report No. 1566288/2025**.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that:

(1) If any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution has any claims or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, agency, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, assignment, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any court or authority, litigation, *lis-pendens*, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, will, bequest, tenancy, family arrangement/ settlement, acquisition, requisition, beneficial right or interest under any trust, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned, in writing, together with all details and documents in support of such claim, within **7 (Seven) days**, from the date of publication of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that the Owners have a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property; and our Client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended purchase of the Schedule Property; and

(2) If any person/s, having found or having custody of the aforementioned Original and/ or Duplicate of the Sale Deed in respect of the Schedule Property, are called upon to handover and deliver the same forthwith to the undersigned at the address mentioned below or to lodge their claims or objections, if any, in writing together with documentary proof of such claims or objections, within a period of **7 (Seven) days**, from the date of publication of this Public Notice.

Any objections and/ or claims received after the expiry of the notice period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being a Residential Apartment bearing **Unit No. 7T-4A**, BBMP Municipal No. 53/116, **PID No./ e-PID No. 86-63-53/116**, having a super built-up area of 1,505 square feet or 139.819015 square meters (which is inclusive of balconies and proportionate undivided share in the common areas and civic amenities, with limited rights of access to lift rooms and water tank), situated on the Seventh Floor of the block known as "**Tulip**" in the Apartment Building Complex known as "**Purva Park**", along with 1 (one) open parking space bearing No. 58, and together with 0.32% = 485.01 square feet or 45.058884 square meters undivided share of land bearing BBMP Municipal No. 53 in and upon which the Apartment Building Complex known as "**Purva Park**" is constructed, situated at Madras Sappers Officers' Colony (M.S.O Colony), Jeevanahalli Main Road, Doddigunta Village, Ward No. 59, Bengaluru – 560 005.

C.R. Muralidharan, Partner Place: Bengaluru
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NOT IMPRESSED

Gill didn't quite have that on-field aura of Rohit and Kohli: Hussain

REUTERS

The tactics of India's captain Shubman Gill against England drew flak after the five-wicket loss in the first Test with Nasser Hussain stating he "didn't quite have the on-field aura of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli." He, however, said India lost because of two things Gill couldn't control - dropped catches and batting collapses.

PURPLE PATCH

Pant climbs to career-high seventh in the latest ICC Test batting list

AFP

India's Rishabh Pant reached a career-high seventh in the latest ICC Test rankings for batters on Wednesday, following his twin centuries in the series opener against England in Leeds. Shubman Gill jumped five rungs to 20th overall following his century in the first innings. Ben Duckett jumped five places to eighth.

RELEASED

Harshit Rana not travelling with India squad for the second Test

FILE PHOTO

Speedster Harshit Rana, who was added as a cover to the Indian squad for the opening Test against England at Leeds, has been released by the team management on Wednesday. Rana was part of India-A squad but hardly made an impact in the 'Test' against England Lions.

MAKING INROADS

Shamar's strikes give West Indies a strong start against Australia

AP

Shamar Joseph (four for 25) spearheaded an incisive West Indies bowling effort as Australia was reduced to 123 for five in the second session on the opening day of the first Test in Barbados on Wednesday. **The scores:** Australia 123/5 in 44 overs (Khawaja 47, Head 53 batting, Shamar 4/25) vs West Indies. **Toss:** Australia.

Team India needs solutions, and quickly

The visitors' five-wicket defeat against England in the first Test at Headingley has brought to the fore the lack of depth in the bowling department; left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep's inclusion, at the expense of some batting firepower, will add a genuine wicket-taking weapon to the armoury

INDIA IN ENGLAND

N. Sudarshan
LEEDS

Stronger together: Captain Gill will require more than just the Bumrah magic for India to take 20 wickets. GETTY IMAGES

If victories confirm grand plans and strategies, defeats often force an almighty rethink.

In that sense, India's bruising five-wicket reverse to England in the first Test at Headingley here has understandably posed a lot of questions going into the second match in Birmingham starting July 2.

Bowling composition

Chief among them will be the bowling composition.

With the exception of Jasprit Bumrah, who finished with figures of five for 83 and none for 57, and to an extent Mohammed Siraj, who toiled tirelessly, the rest of the personnel were patchy at best.

With Bumrah set to play only two of the remaining four Tests, India needs solutions, and quickly.

What India missed can be clearly gauged by a juxtaposition of the bowling rosters that have toured the Old Blighty four years apart.

In the 2021-22 five-match series that finished 2-2, Bumrah, Siraj and Ravindra Jadeja played all five contests, Mohammed Shami four, Shardul Thakur three, Ishant Sharma two and Umesh Yadav one.

They were seasoned, hunted like a pack of wolves, showed no let-up in intensity and offered control.

In Leeds, England was smart enough to see out Bumrah with minimum damage and attack the rest. Prasidh Krishna was playing just his fourth Test and the inexperience showed.

Shardul, with all due respect, is more handy than lethal. Options on the bench are Akash Deep (seven Tests), and Arshdeep Singh (zero).

"When you go to Australia, England or South Africa, experience matters," coach Gautam Gambhir said after the first Test.

"But these are still early days. If you start judging your bowlers after every Test, then how will they develop? They have got quality and that's why they are in this dressing room. It's about building a fast-bowling battery which can serve India for a long time."

It is indeed an unenviable task to shape a bowling line-up that is future ready while simultaneously plotting to win an arduous five-Test away series against a strong opponent and be mindful of the workload of your best bowler.

One way to do it and learn the right lessons from the defeat is to introduce a genuine wicket-taker, like left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav, and forgo some batting depth.

Gambhir may have rued the minimal returns from the lower-order (No. 7 to 11 totalled 45 runs both innings combined).

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> GAMBHIR

However, that was not because of a dearth of batters but lack of application, of which Shardul was an example. If pitches are going to be as batting friendly as Headingley, does the team really need insurance until No. 8? More so with four of the top-five scoring centuries?

Strong case

Kuldeep, in fact, has troubled England in the past. His 19 scalps at 20.15 across four Tests in India last year is a good barometer.

He can fetch wickets and has the ability to take the pitch out of the equation, a terrific skill that can help on flatbeds.

"I don't want to say this guy didn't bowl well or that guy didn't," insisted Gambhir. "Prasidh was really good. Shardul gave us two important wickets which got us back. Yes, it's important to take 20 wickets, but it [combination] also depends on the surface."

It is like that search for a Goldilocks Zone. The earlier the Indians find it, the better.

Sweeping success: Duckett's 188-run opening partnership with Crawley put England on the road to victory. REUTERS

Stokes hails openers Crawley and Duckett

N. Sudarshan
LEEDS

England skipper Ben Stokes hailed the roles of openers Zak Crawley (65, 126b, 7x4) and Ben Duckett (149, 170b, 21x4, 1x6) in the staggering five-wicket win over India in the Headingley Test here.

The duo's tone-setting 188-run stand established such a strong foundation that even a late-afternoon wobble did not thwart the pursuit.

"The way that Zak played was huge," Stokes said after the game on Tuesday.

"They complement each other so well. Left-hand, right -hand, one's a giant, one's not. It's very hard for the bowlers to find any rhythm."

Stokes stated that a simplicity of approach helped. "We're a very simple-minded pair, me and Baz [Brendon McCullum]. When you're chasing totals like that, how you are in the dressing room is very important. Because the lads have got jobs to go out there and do.

"Keeping the calm, relaxed vibe as much as we can throughout the dressing room is so important. It was pretty simple – if we bat the overs left, we will win this game just because of how quick this ground is. It's probably been over four an over anyway without any team really doing anything... bar Rishabh [Pant]. It's just a very, quick-scoring ground."

On day one, India made 359 for three, but Stokes said that he had no second thoughts about having asked India to bat first. "Test matches are played over five days," he said. "Imagine thinking that way at the end of day one, before we've even had a chance to bat on the wicket..."

A trip down memory lane: *Celebrating V.V. Kumar @ 90*

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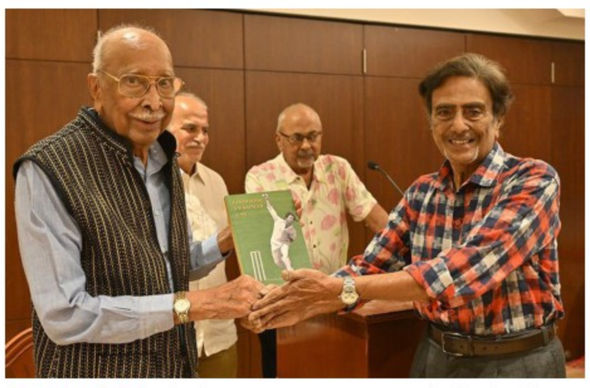

Extra special: Gopinath presents a commemorative book to Kumar as part of the latter's 90th birthday celebration. R. RAVINDRAN

It was an evening of celebration, filled with fascinating anecdotes and a trip down memory lane during the launch of a book on former India leg-spinner V.V. Kumar to commemorate his 90th birthday.

The book titled *Celebrating V.V. Kumar @ 90* features articles from former cricketers and other eminent personalities, including G.R. Vishwanath and S. Venkataraghavan.

It was released by C.D. Gopinath, the only surviving member of India's first Test win in 1952 against England, with Kumar receiving the first copy.

"He [Kumar] and I played together for several years. He was a good team man. He was not only very popular but cheerful and made a lot of people laugh," said Gopinath.

"His bowling was phenomenal. He had so much control over his bowling that he could do anything he wanted. The way he was dropped was unfair.

"He would have been highly successful and won a lot of matches for India," Gopinath added. Kumar scalped a five-for on debut against Pakistan in New Delhi (1961) but played just one more Test, versus England in Mumbai.

N. Ram, Director, *The Hindu Group*, who has written a chapter in the book, highlighted Kumar's immense contribution to domestic cricket despite being overlooked by the selectors.

In 129 First Class matches, Kumar scalped 599 wickets and was the first to go past the 400-wicket mark in the Ranji Trophy.

Speaking on the occasion, Kumar expressed his gratitude for the friendships he had forged during his cricketing days.

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"The next best thing that happened to me was always the company that I had during my cricketing days, whether it was in junior or State matches.

"The team moved as one, and the days were enjoyed."

The idea for the book originated from a conversation among former Tamil Nadu cricketers V. Krishnaswamy, P. Mukund, A.G. Satvinder Singh, and P.R. Ramakrishnan, and was compiled by Partab Ramchand.

Benedicton, Dhinidhi and Rishabh break new ground in National aquatics

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

B. Benedicton Rohit and Dhinidhi Desinghu stole the limelight by smashing the men's 50m butterfly and women's 100m freestyle meet records respectively in the National aquatics championships at the Kalinga Stadium Aquatic Centre here on Wednesday.

After securing the 100m butterfly gold with a record, Benedicton broke the 50m record twice to assert his supremacy.

He timed 24.13 in the heats to go below Virdhawal Khade's six-year-old National record (24.19) before lowering the mark further to 24.11 and claim the gold.

"My body is tired after so many events, but it's good to break the record," said Benedicton, who achieved the World championships qualification.

Dhinidhi, the women's 200m freestyle winner with a record, raced with authority to clock 56.78 for her second gold.

Rishabh Das bettered Srihari Nataraj's National record and 'India best' time (2:02.29). BISWARANJAN ROUT

Dhinidhi smashed the women's 100m freestyle meet record. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Benedicton broke the men's 50m butterfly record. BISWARANJAN ROUT

"I missed the World championships and World junior championships qualifying marks. But I'm happy to become the first Indian woman to clock less than 57 seconds," said Dhinidhi, whose previous best was 57.08.

National Games gold medallist Rishabh Das (2:00.65) beat Utkarsh Patil (2:00.98) in the last five metres to win the men's 200m backstroke and achieved Worlds 'B' qualification.

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The top two bettered Srihari Nataraj's National record and 'India best' time (2:02.29).

Tamil Nadu (Jashua Thomas, Rohit, M.J. Praveen Kumar Praveen, Adhithya Dinesh) secured the men's 4x100m freestyle title with a record (3:26.26). Top-four finishers, including Karnataka, Maharashtra and Railways, bettered the previous record.

The results (winners only):
Men: 800m freestyle: Aryan Nehra (Guj) 8:10.40; **200m backstroke:** Rishabh Das (Mah) 2:00.65 (NMR, Old 2:02.29, Srihari Nataraj, 2019).
50m butterfly: B. Benedicton Rohit (TN) 24.11 (NMR, Old 24.13, 2025).
4x100m freestyle: Tamil Nadu 3:26.26 (NMR, Old 3:28.09, Karnataka).
Women: 100m freestyle: Dhinidhi Desinghu (Kar) 56.78 (NMR, Old 57.73, Shivangi Sarma, 2022); **200m backstroke:** Vihitha Nayana Loganathan (Kar) 2:21.85; **50m butterfly:** Nine Venkatesh (Kar) 28.25; **400m medley:** Saanvi Deshwal (Mah) 5:03.85; **4x100m freestyle relay:** Karnataka 4:03.18.

INBRIEF

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty wins the BJK Cup Heart Award

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced Shrivalli Bhamidipaty as the winner of the Billie Jean King Cup Heart Award for the Asia-Oceania zone, on Tuesday. With 78% vote share in the race against Lulu Sun of New Zealand, the 23-year-old Shrivalli was the winner of the award when the voting closed earlier this month. Sania Mirza and Ankita Raina had won the award in 2021 and 2022 respectively. The Heart Award recognises players who have represented their country with distinction, shown exceptional courage on court, and demonstrated outstanding commitment to the team during Billie Jean King Cup events.

Indian junior men down Australia, finish third

The Indian junior men's hockey team defeated Australia 2-1 in the battle for the third place at the 4-Nations Tournament in Berlin on Wednesday. Rohit (45th minute) equalised for India before Ajeet Yadav (52nd) sealed the victory. Captain Toby Mallon gave Australia the lead in the 40th.

Good response to the Shooting League of India

More than 400 shooters from about 20-odd countries have registered to be part of the Shooting League of India to be staged at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad, from November 20 to December 2. Registration will continue till the middle of July. The league will have mixed team competition in pistol, rifle and shotgun, featuring different levels of shooters in about six teams.

Khelo India University Games in Jaipur in November

The fifth Khelo India University Games will be hosted jointly by Poornima University and Rajasthan University in Jaipur in November. The announcement was made on Wednesday by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. "These Games, for u-25 age group, offer great opportunity for athletes who seek a national platform to impress our numerous scouts looking for the best talent in the country," said the Minister. The Games are expected to feature about 4,000 athletes from 200 Universities. Chandigarh had topped the table in last edition.

Indian wrestlers win four gold at Asian under-17 wrestling

Indian wrestlers won four gold medals at the Asian under-17 wrestling championships in Vung Tau, Vietnam, on Wednesday. Rachana (43kg), Moni (57kg), Ashvini Vishnoi (65kg) in women's section and Gourav Punia (65kg) in men's freestyle claimed the top honours. Kajal (73kg) bagged a silver, while Anjali (49kg) took a bronze among women.

Paras finishes runner-up in Asian 6-Red snooker

Malaysia's Thor Chuan Leong beat India's Paras Gupta 6-2 (50-5, 44-2, 8-62, 42-12, 47-40, 1-51, 36-24, 48-2) to win the ACBS Asian 6-Red snooker championship in Colombo on Wednesday.

AICF launches Top National Players Stipend Scheme

The All India Chess Federation on Wednesday launched the Top National Players Stipend Scheme to help in talent development. The AICF is immediately dispatching stipends, ranging from ₹60,000 to ₹1.5 lakh directly into the accounts of top young talents. A total of ₹42.30 lakh has been disbursed for April to June. Players starting from age-group of U-7 till U-19s will be the beneficiaries of this scheme.

LIVE TELECAST

Football: Club World Cup, DAZN, 6.30 a.m. (Thursday); 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh: 2nd Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.45 a.m.

TNPL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7.15 p.m.

West Indies vs Australia: 1st Test, day 2, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Chelsea makes short work of Esperance, enters knockouts; Benfica pips Bayern

The Premier League side will meet the Portuguese outfit in the next round; Auckland City-Boca Juniors and Los Angeles FC-Flamengo games drawn

CLUB WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
PHILADELPHIA

Chelsea beat Esperance of Tunisia 3-0 on Tuesday to set up a Club World Cup last-16 tie with Benfica, which defeated Bayern Munich 1-0 earlier in searing heat.

Minnow Auckland City claimed a memorable 1-1 draw against Boca Juniors while Los Angeles FC bowed out of the tournament with a 1-1 stalemate against Flamengo.

In Charlotte, Andreas Schjelderup scored the only goal for Benfica in its Group C clash with Bayern, finishing first-time from a cutback by his fellow Norwegian Fredrik Aursnes in the 13th minute.

The German champion, which left the likes of Harry Kane and Michael Olise on the bench at kick-off, was unable to come back in heatwave-hit North Carolina. A draw would have allowed Bayern to top the section, but a Kimmich effort that found the net was ruled out for offside and Anatoliy Trubin denied Leroy Sane while substitute Harry Kane mistimed a header late on.

Breaking through: Chelsea's Adarabioyo nets the opening goal just before half-time. REUTERS

"I think this was a very fair and important win, historic really," said Benfica coach Bruno Lage.

Bayern finished second and so will go to Miami on Sunday to take on Brazilian giant Flamengo, with a potential quarterfinal against European champion Paris Saint-Germain awaiting.

"You could see that it was really tough conditions so respect to both teams for that," said Bayern coach Vincent Kompany.

"Our first half was not good enough for sure, the second half was definitely more the level that we expected and good enough to score one or two or three goals."

Another weather delay

That result meant whatever Boca did against Auckland City in Nashville would not be enough to qualify, but the Argentine giant was still expected to do better than draw 1-1.

Auckland recovered from falling behind in the first half when goalkeeper Nathan Garrow palmed a Lautaro Di Lollo header into his own net.

Christian Gray equalised with a header in the second half to earn the sole representatives from Oceania a remarkable point.

The game was the fifth so far at the tournament to be suspended due to a weather warning, with play stopping for almost an hour – when the action restarted not a drop of rain had fallen at Geodis Park.

Chelsea eased through to its meeting with Benfica with a clinical 3-0 win over Esperance at Lincoln Financial Field.

New signing Liam Delap opened his account for the club with a deftly-taken finish in stoppage-time at the end of the first half, just moments after Tosin Adarabioyo had headed the Blues in front.

Teeenage talent Tyrique George added Chelsea's third deep into injury-time at the end of the game with a low shot that crept under Esperance goalkeeper Bechir Ben Said.

The results:

Group C: Benfica 1 (Schjelderup 13) bt Bayern Munich 0; Auckland City 1 (Gray 52) drew with Boca Juniors 1 (Garrow 26-og).

Group D: Esperance 0 lost to Chelsea 3 (Adarabioyo 45+3, Delap 45+5, George 90+7); Los Angeles FC 1 (Bouanga 84) drew with Flamengo 1 (Wallace Yan 86).

I just wish I could have performed better for the crowd, says Neeraj

ATHLETICS

Press Trust of India
OSTRAVA (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Neeraj Chopra may have clinched the Golden Spike title in his maiden appearance at the meet, but the former Olympic champion was far from satisfied with his performance.

Neeraj's best throw of 85.29m was enough to secure the win in a nine-man field at the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold event here on Tuesday.

"I am not that happy with my performance today, but I am very happy with the trophy I won," said Neeraj.

"I used to watch this meeting a lot as a kid. I have watched people like Jan Zelezny and Usain Bolt winning the Golden Spike and I dreamt of winning one as well. Now the dream has come true," the World champion added.

Everybody's love... Neeraj, who was not at his best, gifts the winner's bouquet to his adoring fans. ZLATATRETRA.CZ

Though he led the field, Neeraj admitted he fell short of his own expectations, especially in front of a packed crowd.

"I know the javelin throw is very popular in Czechia.

"The amount of support we were getting from the crowd was crazy. I just wish I could have performed better for them," said Neeraj, who breached the 90m mark during his second place finish in Doha Diamond League in May.

Neeraj recorded his winning effort in the third round after opening with a foul and a second throw of 83.45m.

He followed up with 82.17m and 81.01m before another foul in the final round.

His next outing will be at the NC Classic in Bengaluru on July 5, where Anderson Peters and Thomas Rohler are also expected to compete.

Karan makes a smooth start

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Karan Singh cruised past Kael Shah of Kenya 6-3, 6-2 in the first round of the $30,000 ITF tennis tournament in Monastir, Tunisia.

The results: €91,250 Challenger, Milan: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): George Goldhoff (USA) & Ray Ho (Tpe) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6(3), 6-1.

$30,000 ITF men, Monastir: Singles (first round): Alaa Trifi (Tun) bt Prajwal Dev 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Karan Singh bt Kael Shah (Ken) 6-3, 6-2; Pablo Gomez (Esp) bt Shanker Heisnam 6-0, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Maanshan, China: Singles (first round): S. Mukund bt Aoran Wang (Chn) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (first round): Dev Javia bt Cemil Duran (Tur) 6-0, 6-3; Cooper Williams (USA) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

$40,000 ITF women, Palma del Rio: Doubles (pre-quarters): Vaishnavi Adkar & Sandra Samir (Egy) bt Laura Segura & Lucia Sanchez (Esp) 6-2, 6-0.

$30,000 ITF women, Chinese Taipei: Doubles (pre-quarters): Kim Dabin (Kor) & Carol Lee (USA) bt Vaidehi Chaudhari & Saki Imamura (Jpn) 6-3, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Hong Kong: First round: Naomi Xu (Can) bt Laalitya Kalluri 6-3, 6-3; Ching Laam Lai (Hkg) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-1, 6-2; Ayaka Ozeki (Jpn) bt Bela Tamhankar 6-2, 3-0, retd.; Fangran Tian (Chn) bt Priyanshi Bhandari 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Bo Young Jeong (Kor) & Fangran Tian (Chn) bt Priyanshi Bhandari & Vlada Mincheva 4-6, 6-1, [10-4]; Ching Laam Lai & Man Ng (Hkg) bt Georgia Kalamaris (Fra) & Laalitya Kalluri 6-3, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (first round): Samaira Pahwa bt Mouna Bouzgarrou (Tun) 6-3, 6-4.

India assured of four medals in Asian doubles squash

Sports Bureau

Team India delivered a historic performance in the second Asian doubles squash championships in Kuching on Wednesday, with pairs reaching the finals in all three categories – men's, women's, and mixed doubles. India has now confirmed four medals.

Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh showcased grit in the mixed doubles semifinal against Malaysia's Ainaa Armani and Syafiq Kamal, winning 11-8, 10-11, 11-5 in a 46-minute battle.

The Indian pair will meet the Malaysian top duo of Rachel Arnold and Ameesshraj Chandran, who had earlier defeated India's Velavan Senthilkumar and Joshana Chinappa 8-11, 11-7, 11-9 in last four.

In men's doubles, Abhay Singh and Velavan defeated Hong Kong China's Chi Him Wong and Ming Tang 11-5, 11-9 in the semifinal. In women's doubles last-four, Joshana and Anahat downed Hong Kong's Po You Kirstie Won and Yee Lam Toby 11-7, 11-6.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Ijas nets Empire FC's winner

Mohammed Ijas' goal helped Empire FC defeat Universal FC 1-0 in the quarterfinal of the BDFA 'C' division football league here on Wednesday.

The results:

BDFA 'C' division:

Quarterfinals: Jai Bharath Nagar FC bt Universal FC 3-1; Empire FC bt Young Boys FC 1-0.

KSFA 'C' Division: Noel Wilson FC bt William FC 2-1; Blues FC bt PKR FC 4-1; FX FC drew with NEY FC 0-0; White Field FC bt Freelance FC 2-0.

Atharv's unbeaten ton highlights Vultures CC

Atharv Malviya (140 n.o.) powered Vultures Cricket Club past Modern Cricket Club in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.

The scores:

Vultures CC 280/6 in 50 overs (Atharv Malviya 140 n.o., Akshath Prabhakar 30, S.P. Banesh 32) bt Modern Cricket Club 157 in 46.1 overs (Ansh Agrawal 38, Rayan Ahmed Khan 43, Samyak Vellalore 5/24).

Vijaya Cricket Club, Malur 318/4 in 50 overs (T. Chinmay 77, Kutam Charan Ram 87, S. Udgeet Nandan 70, K.P. Ahan 61) bt Citizen Cultural Cricket Association 151 in 41.5 overs (C. Chahal Chandra 4/26, K. Preetham Raj 3/25).

Visweswarapuram Cricket Club (1) 204 in 49.1 overs (Shahan Shadab 45, Rithvik Kulasekar 39, N. Likith 3/40) bt Mount Joy Cricket Club 176 in 39.5 overs (R. Amogh Shetty 71, Tejas Mahendra Jituri 45, Sainath Rajoli 5/30) (via VJD method).

Kapali Cricket Club 266 in 50 overs (G. Kroshick 35, Kalash 69, Harshil Jain 56, Kushal Pasupuleti 30 n.o., Syed Jawad Ali 3/43, Syed Yousuf Hussain Quadri 3/37) bt Jayanagar Cricketers 128 in 30.1 overs (Athreya Bhat 44, Kushal Pasupuleti 4/27, Siddharth Bommineni 4/15).

Jupiter Cricketers Association 105 in 33.4 overs (D.R. Manikanta Yadav 3/18) lost to Century Cricketers 107 for no loss in 9.5 overs (Aadesh Urs 65 n.o.).

National United Cricket Club 230 in 42.0 overs (Pratham Shankar 44, P.M. Vismai 31, N. Pranav Deshkulkarni 77, Eshanth Royal 3/38, M. Naman Gujar 4/44) bt Johnson Cricket Club 129 in 35 overs (Eshanth Royal 33 n.o.).

Chintamani Sports Association 241 in 44 overs (A. Manas Balaji 43, Aarush Mandoth 31, A.N. Pradyumna 43, L. Manish 3/29) bt Jawahar Sports Club (2) 150 in 44.3 overs (Rithvik Gowda 36, L. Manish 42, C.V. Vidhur Reddy 3/11, Kuldeep Singh Purohit 3/29).

City Gymkhana 206 in 44.2 overs (S. Dheeganth Mavinkere 58, H. Nihal 47, S.V. Vishal Reddy 3/36) bt Southern Cricketers 134 in 30.1 overs (Raed 33, H. Nihal 3/41, Kushal 4/23).

Sir Syed Cricketers 292/3 in 50 overs (A. Eashan 108, N. Bhuvan Gowda 122) bt Zodiac Cricket Club 56 in 28 overs (N. Bhuvan Gowda 5/6).

Triumphant: The victorious RWFSA squad with its reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RWFSA reigns supreme

RWFSA defeated Delhi Public School HC in the final to emerge as the 94th Travancore Cup hockey tournament champion here on Wednesday.

The result:

Final: RWFSA 2 (Deekshith 23, 43) bt Delhi Public School HC 1 (Mohammed Kaif 47).

Special prizes: Best goalkeeper: Arun (Delhi Public School HC); **best defender:** Deekshith (RWFSA); **best midfielder:** Muhammed Siyas (Delhi Public School HC); **best attacker:** J.P. Kusha (RWFSA); **player-of-the-tournament:** Dhanush (RWFSA).

Tanishka and Abhinav win under-19 titles

Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav and K. Abhinav Murthy emerged as the girls and boys' under-19 champions respectively in the Second State ranking table tennis tournament organised by KGS Club here on Wednesday.

The results:

Under-19: Finals: Boys: Abhinav Murthy bt V.G. Vibhas 11-8, 9-11, 13-11, 16-14, 5-11, 11-4. **Girls:** Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt K.S. Sumedha Bhat 11-2, 11-4, 11-8, 11-7.

Dinusha and fast bowlers restrict Bangladesh

Associated Press
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Debutant spinner Sonal Dinusha and fast bowlers Vishwa Fernando and Asitha Fernando took two wickets each to help Sri Lanka limit Bangladesh to 220 for eight at stumps on the opening day of the second Test on Wednesday.

Opening batter Anamul Haque failed to capitalize on a reprieve when Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis dropped him off fast bowler Asitha Fernando.

Mominul Haque and Shadman Islam shared a promising partnership of 38 runs but Dhananjaya de Silva removed Mominul (21), caught by substitute fielder Pawan Rathnayak. This left the visitors 71 for two at lunch.

Sri Lanka took two quick wickets after lunch as Fernando had Shanto caught behind by Mendis for eight. Rahim and Litton Das shared 67 for the fifth wicket.

The scores: Bangladesh 220/8 in 71 overs (Shadman 46, Mushfiqur 35, Litton 34). **Toss:** Bangladesh.